Lwinformation

Lutheran World Information

150, Route de Ferney - P.O. Box 2100 - CH-1211 Geneva 2/Switzerland - Telephone (022) 791 61 11 - Fax (022) 798 86 16 - Telex 415 730 OIK CH

Lutheran World Information
INDEX
July - December 1991

No. 2/91

The index is arranged alphabetically within the following main headings:

COUNTRIES **Page 02**

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION NEWS ITEMS **Page 17**

ECUMENISM **Page 20**

SUBJECTS **Page 24**

AUTHORS **Page 36**

In the right-hand column for each listing are two numbers separated by a "/". The first is the issue number, the second the page number. For example, a listing of 23/05 would be LWI issue 23, page 5. Within categories, listings are in chronological order.

heran World Information is the news service of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Unless specifically noted, material presented does not represent positions or opinions he LWF or of its different units. *Lutheran World Information* may be freely reproduced in any form with acknowledgment.

SELECT STORIES, JULY-DECEMBER 1991

L W F LIFTS SUSPENSION OF WHITE CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

CHICAGO, July 18, 1991 (lwi)--The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has re-admitted to membership two southern African "white" churches it suspended seven years ago. The LWF Council meeting here voted to lift the suspension of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church (GELC) in Namibia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church), both suspended in 1984 for their failure to reject apartheid.

The 49 LWF Council delegates agreed unanimously to a resolution to readmit the two churches "with joy and thanksgiving." There was little discussion after LWF's Director of Mission and Development, Ishmael Noko of Zimbabwe, told how the churches have now condemned apartheid as sin. The so-called "white" churches have accepted communion with other Lutheran churches in southern Africa and are even having discussions aimed at unity with them, Noko said.

The GELC and the Cape Church were suspended from LWF membership by the federation's global Assembly in Budapest in 1984. That meeting accused them of failing to "unequivocally reject" apartheid and maintaining division of the church on racial grounds. By 1986 the churches had issued statements rejecting apartheid but the LWF judged there was not enough evidence of ending the "daily reality" of racial division. LWF pastoral delegations visited South Africa and Namibia in 1989. A staff visit by Noko and LWF Associate General Secretary Anza Lema of Tanzania took place in May this year.

Both white churches joined other Lutheran churches in South Africa and Namibia in May in an umbrella organization called the Lutheran Communion of Churches in Southern Africa. In the same month the GELC issued a joint statement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) calling on their congregations "to seek ways of new cooperation and fellowship." The Cape Church synod approved in April "unity discussions ... accepting the basic ideas of forming a united Lutheran church in southern Africa."

* * *

POPE HOLDS HISTORIC PRAYER SERVICE WITH LUTHERANS

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 10 (lwi)--Pope John Paul on Oct. 5 presided at the first joint prayer service with Lutherans inside St. Peter's Basilica. "We can rightly say that their (Lutherans and Catholics) centuries-old mutual distrust has faded away and is being replaced by ever more tangible signs of trust and hope," the pope said in an address at the solemn evening vespers.

The ceremony, commemorating the 600th anniversary of the canonization of St. Bridget of Sweden, marked the first time since the 16th-century Protestant Reformation that such a service was held in the seat of Roman Catholicism. It was attended by King Carl XVI Gustav and Queen Silvia of Sweden, and the Lutheran archbishops from Sweden and Finland. Danuta Walesa, wife of the Polish president, also attended.

The Lutheran World Federation was represented by Dr. Eugene Brand, Assistant General Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs.

In the past 25 years Catholics and Lutherans have made significant progress in theological dialogue aimed at eventual re-unification. "With courage and confidence let us continue to draw closer to one another," said the Pope, who held prayer services with Lutherans during his historic visit to the Nordic countries in 1989.

* * *

COUNTRIES

AFRICA GENERAL
UPDATE: Namibia hosts UNESCO seminar on future of Africa's press 21/02
UPDATE: Cairo to host assembly of All Africa Conference of Churches 23/02
UPDATE: WACC to hold Africa regional assembly and workshop in Windhoek 23/02
UPDATE: 10 million of world's 20 million displaced persons are in Africa 24/02
African communicators called to be peace makers, by G.B.K. Owusu 24/04
UPDATE: WCC has newsletter for African women theologians 25/02
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
UPDATE: LWF publishes report on mission in urban Africa 28/02
Women in Africa: The struggle for literacy, by Carl F. Nielsen 28/09
UPDATE: Rwandan woman elected president of WACC Africa region 35/02
African churches endorse movement for democracy 36/05
Release African theology from Western 'pie in the sky' approach, scholar says, by Tom Morton 37/05
UPDATE: Report concludes Africa needs more not less population 38/02

ALBANIA
European churches welcome bigger role for Albania 23/13
WCC executive committee meets for first time since Assembly 26/13
UPDATE: New Protestant church in Albania after evangelism campaign 29/02
Orthodox patriarch promises funds to help Albania 30/07
Albanians will turn to Christianity, government minister says 30/08
UPDATE: Vatican will establish diplomatic relations with Albania 32/02
UPDATE: Ecumenical food aid to Albania via WCC 33/02
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09

ANGOLA
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
Portuguese-, Spanish-speaking Africans form communication network 30/11

ARGENTINA
UPDATE: Argentine Evangelicals form new political party 32/02

ASIA GENERAL
Ordination does not mean success for Asian women, by Lui Wa-Ling 36/13
Advance copies of English-Chinese hymn book available 37/10

AUSTRALIA
UPDATE: Lutheran Bible Translators of Australia celebrate anniversary 24/02
UPDATE: 25th anniversary of Lutheran Church of Australia 24/02
UPDATE: Uniting Church in Australia holds triennial assembly 28/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventist council to meet in Australia 31/02
UPDATE: LUCIA plans next assembly in Adelaide, Australia 33/02
Missouri churches pledge aid to Hong Kong synod 35/15

AUSTRIA
Central European women meet in Austria 33/12

BANGLADESH
Bangladesh: Keeping people alive is only the first step, by Ulla Nedergaard 21/13
Danish missionaries refused permits in Bangladesh 21/14
UPDATE: Italian Protestants launch appeal for Bangladesh cyclone victims 23/02
LWF joins relief operations in Bangladesh floods 31/03
Malaysians to help train Lutherans in Bangladesh 31/04
Relief delay hits Bangladesh flood victims 34/07

BENIN
African communicators called to be peace makers, by G.B.K. Owusu 24/04

BHUTAN
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03

BRAZIL
Latin American churches gear up to fight AIDS epidemic, by Laurie Bretz 22/06
UPDATE: Brazil to host Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students 24/02
New liturgy book for Lutherans in Brazil, by Eugene L. Brand 26/14
UPDATE: New paperback describes Lutheran congregational life 27/02
Church leaders seek solution to Third World environmental issue 30/04
UPDATE: Pope John Paul II will meet disadvantaged in Brazil 32/02
Amazon conference appeals to industrial states 33/11

BULGARIA
UPDATE: Bulgaria's Sofia university now has theology after 40 year ban 28/02
UPDATE: Proliferation of "pseudo-Christian" sects reported in Bulgaria 30/02

CAMEROON
Cameroon church alarmed by ethnic clashes 27/09
Cameroon's president struggles to contain opposition 27/09
What chance for the religions of Cameroon? by Jean-Paul Haas 27/10
Cameroon church opens center for women 37/15

CANADA
Canada's Lutherans approve statement on abortion 24/07
Canada's Lutherans address trade, arms, refugees 25/09
Canada's Lutherans give new name to college 25/09
Canada's Lutherans adopt communion of all baptized, by Ferdy Baglo 25/10
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
UPDATE: Gangs ransacked Baptist mission in Bangui 27/02

CHILE
Chile's Lutherans aid flood victims 27/06

CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
UPDATE: Amity Foundation supported 70 projects in China over 6 years 21/02
Hong Kong Christians help Chinese flood victims 26/13
Chinese Christians devise strategy for world evangelization 29/15

CONGO
UPDATE: Catholic bishop is new president of Congo's State Council 22/02

CUBA
UPDATE: Ecumenical Council of Cuba celebrated 50th anniversary 24/02
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11

CYPRUS
MECC convenes human rights seminar on Cyprus 26/10

CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Czechoslovak Christians call for ecumenical center at massacre site 23/12
Silesian church council stands firm on deposition of bishop 24/15
Slovak Lutheran bishop visits US 26/08
Slovak church representatives meet Czechoslovakia's president 33/09
UPDATE: Death of Bishop Rudolf Kostial of Slovak Evangelical Church 35/02
Protestant high school opens in Bratislava 36/09
UPDATE: Christian Peace Conference assembly considers future 37/02

DENMARK
Danish missionaries refused permits in Bangladesh 21/14

UPDATE: Danish bishop recommends Romanian refugees build Orthodox church 22/02
UPDATE: Danish Missionary Society and Santal Mission consider merger 23/02
Danish theologian starts as new LWF studies head 27/15
UPDATE: Bishop of Copenhagen to retire in May 1992 29/02
UPDATE: Methodists to build hospice in Frederikshavn, Denmark 29/02
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
Bishop predicts church constitution in Denmark 32/09
Opponents of women pastors in Denmark renew lobbying campaign 32/10
UPDATE: General secretary of Danchurchaid to retire 34/02
UPDATE: More Danish Lutherans died than were baptized 34/02
Chief rabbi supports Palestinians' plea to stay in Denmark 35/12
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
Meditation service without sermon is not Lutheran, bishop rules 36/10
Danish ordinand refuses to shake hands with woman pastor 36/11
Disquiet about absence of Danish bishops from major ecumenical service 37/04
Fate of Palestinian refugees in Denmark remains uncertain 37/04
UPDATE: Church of Denmark to have meetings with LWF staff 38/02
UPDATE: Danes pave way for Council of Danish Churches 38/02

EGYPT
UPDATE: Cairo to host assembly of All Africa Conference of Churches 23/02
UPDATE: 600 delegates expected at AACC's Cairo assembly 27/02

EL SALVADOR
November travel seminar plans to honor slain Jesuits of El Salvador 25/16
El Salvador group issues threats against UN mission 25/16
UPDATE: Salvadoran Reformed congregation has 47,000 members 28/02
Religious activists campaign to end US aid to El Salvador, by William Bole 31/16
Salvadoran community leaders in danger despite peace accord 32/03
Bishop credits Salvadoran people for peace talks, by Paul Jeffrey 33/09
LWF urges investigation into capture of El Salvador church figure 37/03
Salvadoran National Guard abducts pastor 38/11

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Portuguese-, Spanish-speaking Africans form communication network 30/11

ERITREA
LWF World Service will open office in Eritrea 34/03
Swedish church agencies pledge increased aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea 34/04
Eritrea: Asmara is alive again, by Yacob Tesfai 34/06

ESTONIA
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
Estonia's Lutherans give thanks for independence 28/05
LWF welcomes Baltic independence 28/16
UPDATE: WCC urges Baltics to play positive role in healing old wounds 30/02
Estonian archbishop describes new challenges 32/10
Estonia: Church and people face a new beginning, by Toomas Paul 32/11
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13

ETHIOPIA
Ethiopian church agency keeps relief trucks moving 23/08
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07
National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
Ethiopian church develops its anti-AIDS work 28/06

Christian refugees reported massacred in Ethiopia 29/13
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
UPDATE: Ethiopian Orthodox patriarch resigned after demonstration 31/02
Death of Sigurd Aske, former director of Radio Voice of the Gospel 32/06
Swedish church agencies pledge increased aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea 34/04
Critical food shortages hit southern Ethiopia 34/04
Aid agencies charged with condoning use of famine as weapon in Ethiopia 34/05
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11

EUROPE GENERAL
UPDATE: Birmingham hosts international conference on Islam in Europe 21/02
UPDATE: New divisions of Europe discussed by CEC presidium 22/02
European churches called to oppose death penalty 23/16
Europe's Protestant churches plan 1992 assembly 29/08
European unity must not be at expense of Third World, Finnish archbishop warns 29/08
East European Protestants warn of too much evangelism from West 29/09
Churches can help prevent crisis facing East European children, aid director says 32/05
Lutheran minority churches assess role in new Europe 32/06
Central European women meet in Austria 33/12
LWF general secretary calls for stronger ecumenical links in Europe 34/09
UPDATE: Europe needs training in refugee work, CEC told 35/02
UPDATE: Europe urban industrial mission group met in Portugal 35/02
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
"New wall across Europe" hampers church work 36/06
Churches get low marks in western Europe 36/11
Orthodox complaints dominate European Catholic synod, by Ruth E. Gruber 38/12

FINLAND
Strong religious revival among Ingrians in Soviet Union 21/11
Finnish church should work more to prevent suicides, studies say 22/16
Finland's president calls for end to church tax system 25/10
Lutheran women theologians affirm experiential theology, by Gisela von Heusinger 28/07
Women and mission: A strained relationship? 28/08
European unity must not be at expense of Third World, Finnish archbishop warns 29/08
Seventh-Day Adventists issue statement on religious freedom in Finland 29/16
Pope holds historic prayer service with Lutherans 31/06
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
UPDATE: Finland Lutherans distribute Russian books from LCMS 33/02
UPDATE: Church attendance in Finland remained unchanged 34/02
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
Continue to cut costs, Finnish Lutheran congregations urged 37/11

FRANCE
UPDATE: France publishes prayers by Namibian Lutheran bishop 25/02
French Lutherans draw visitors to Lord's Prayer exhibition 33/13
UPDATE: Meeting of National Alliance of Lutheran Churches of France 37/02
French Lutherans celebrate 450th anniversary of Reformation 37/15

GERMANY
UPDATE: 125,000 people attended 24th Protestant Kirchentag in Ruhr 21/02
German church calls for more humane forms of punishment 21/15
Jobless "scandal" has to concern Christians, eastern German commission says 21/15
Unity of German Protestant church sealed 22/11
Task of critical solidarity remains, east German Protestants say 22/12
COMMENT: The end of the eastern German church federation, by Hans-Jürgen Röder 22/13
Christian women call for conference on world economic justice 22/15
German charity sees dramatic rise in donations 23/13

Reduce abortions by changing attitudes, not laws, German churches advise 24/08
LWF Council debates vice-presidency 24/11
Apartheid treatment for foreigners in Japan 24/16
UPDATE: German conference focused on conscientious objectors in Europe 26/02
"NATO agent" pastor rehabilitated in eastern Germany, by Hartmut Lorenz 26/07
German Lutheran church affirms homosexuality 27/08
Church agency arranged trade deals to free GDR prisoners 27/13
Brandenburg goes slow on dismissal of 'Stasi' teachers 28/03
Eastern German bishop denies close church links with security service 28/04
Thuringia church administrators accused of links with security service 28/04
Security service links force German church finance head to resign 29/04
German newspaper reports church president was Stasi informer 29/04
Refugees in Germany occupy church to avoid neo-Nazis 30/04
Eastern Germans debate religion in schools, by William E. Downey 30/15
Rise in donations to help Third World holds, German charity confirms 31/10
UPDATE: German churches give piece of Berlin wall to CEC 32/02
New German asylum-seekers to be sent to refugee camps 32/04
UPDATE: Bishop of Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg retired 33/02
UPDATE: Congress of atheists to take place in Germany 33/02
UPDATE: Thuringia church has 750,000 baptized members 33/02
Lutheran church reviews tasks as nine out of 10 Germans leave Romania 33/06
Attacks on foreigners raise fears of racism in Germany, by F. Andreas Müller 33/07
Church condemns anti-foreigner violence in Germany 33/08
LWF general secretary calls for stronger ecumenical links in Europe 34/09
Italian Lutherans assess chances of German-speaking congregation in Sicily 34/13
Berlin church plans investigation of security service links 35/04
Berlin pastor admits meetings with communist security service 35/05
Saxony synod calls for church employees to be investigated 35/05
Saxony pastors have 60 percent of western income after pay raise 35/06
German Lutheran bishop condemns abortion 35/06
Lack of funds limits mission in eastern Germany 35/07
The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany 35/08
Marriage and children lose popularity in eastern Germany 35/08
German Lutherans put off communion with Mennonites 35/09
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Eastern German theologian calls for fresh approach to Bible 35/11
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
UPDATE: Klaus Engelhardt elected chair of Evangelical Church in Germany 36/02
Refugees flee eastern German city after protection promises prove hollow 36/03
German Protestants warn against hostility toward foreigners 36/04
UPDATE: German bishop, CEC president, dies 37/02
Mecklenburg church defeats plan to rejoin VELKD 37/13
Eastern German synods vary approaches to contacts with security service 37/14
Church of Berlin-Brandenburg faces financial crisis 37/14
UPDATE: New church newspaper in eastern Germany 38/02
UPDATE: Church working group on leisure, recreation and tourism 38/02
Berlin church opposes investigation of security service links 38/09
German churches prepare to investigate links to state security service 38/10
EKD allocates funds to eastern German churches 38/10
German churches give more tax money as development aid 38/11

GHANA

Ghana's Islamic head asks Christians, Muslims to cooperate 21/10
Christians pray for democracy in Ghana 21/11
UPDATE: Ghana Christian Council announced plans for conference center 24/02

GREECE

UPDATE: Consultation on 'Peace and Life' took place on island of Crete 21/02
UPDATE: Reformed Ecumenical Council to hold conferences in Greece 31/02

GUATEMALA
UPDATE: LWF published documentation on Guatemala peace process 22/02
Guatemalan refugees recount experiences of leaving their homeland 23/16
LWF pledges continued support for peace process in Guatemala 29/03
Guatemalan bishop to receive Romero award 32/09
Native Americans to counter Columbus festivities, by Shelley Emling 33/15
UPDATE: LWF urges resumption of Guatemala peace process 37/02

HAITI
Haiti's president assures Protestants of fairer treatment, by Roger R. Kahle 23/09
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti, by Roger R. Kahle 26/15
UPDATE: WCC urges return to power in Haiti of deposed president 31/02
LWF protests violent overthrow of Haiti's president 33/03
Deposed president asks churches to assist peaceful return to democracy in Haiti, by F. Andreas Müller 34/12

HONG KONG
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
Former Vietnam refugee to aid children in Hong Kong detention centers 26/12
Hong Kong Christians help Chinese flood victims 26/13
UPDATE: LCMS members, partners gather in Hong Kong 32/02
LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
Missouri churches pledge aid to Hong Kong synod 35/15
Ordination does not mean success for Asian women, by Lui Wa-Ling 36/13
Advance copies of English-Chinese hymn book available 37/10

HUNGARY
Hungarian church holds first general synod since 1966 23/12
Hungarians treated as second-class citizens in Romania, bishop says 26/09
Hungary's Lutheran seminary has biggest intake of new students 27/08
UPDATE: Hungary hosts Lausanne Committee's European summit 28/02
Europe's Protestant churches plan 1992 assembly 29/08
East European Protestants warn of too much evangelism from West 29/09
Croatian refugees seek relief in Hungary, by Gottfried Mierau 35/04
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09

ICELAND
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13

INDIA
UPDATE: Seminar on Christian family life in the Indian context 22/02
Next LWF Council meeting in India, 1992 25/16
UPDATE: Book of essays honors secretary of United Lutheran Churches 27/02
UPDATE: Prasanna K. Samuel is associate secretary of Lutheran churches 27/02
Women and mission: A strained relationship? 28/08
Indian Lutheran churches ordain first women pastors, by David Lin 30/05
India's churches open printing plant, women's center 30/06
LWF aids flood victims in India 31/04
US Lutheran agency helps poor develop income 36/06

INDONESIA
Mob destroys Baptist meeting house in Indonesia 22/14
UPDATE: Protestant Christian Batak Church held synod in Indonesia 25/02
UPDATE: J.P. Sinaga elected ephorus of Batak Christian Community Church 27/02
LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
UPDATE: WCC expresses "profound dismay" at East Timor massacre 36/02
Irian Jaya refugees call for spiritual aid 37/08

IRAQ
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Lutheran agency resettles Iraqi Kurds in US 33/16

ISRAEL
UPDATE: LWF published report of visit to Israel and Occupied Territories 21/02
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF calls for Middle East peace conference 23/06
Jerusalem church leaders condemn anti-Christian demonstrations 25/15
UPDATE: Amnesty International says Israelis abuse detained Palestinians 26/02
Russian Orthodox church pledges to counter anti-Semitism 26/10
UPDATE: World Methodist Council protests Israeli settlements 28/02
Middle East Council of Churches thanks LWF for solidarity 34/09
Fate of Palestinian refugees in Denmark remains uncertain 37/04

ITALY
UPDATE: Italian Protestants launch appeal for Bangladesh cyclone victims 23/02
Italian synod focuses on Lutheran identity 26/08
Lutheran-Catholic joint commission meets in Italy 32/03
UPDATE: Ninth assembly of Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy 33/02
Italian Lutherans react to news reports of St. Birgitta service 34/13
Italian Lutherans assess chances of German-speaking congregation in Sicily 34/13
Survey says Italians don't practice Catholic beliefs, by Ruth E. Gruber 36/12
UPDATE: Ninth assembly of Protestant churches in Italy 38/02

JAPAN
UPDATE: 40 members file suit against Unification Church in Japan 21/02
UPDATE: Christians help victims of Mount Fugen volcano, Japan 22/02
UPDATE: JAPAN allocates funds to MECC for Palestinian refugees from Gulf 23/02
UPDATE: Number of Japan's Catholics rose by 5,000 in 1990 24/02
Apartheid treatment for foreigners in Japan 24/16
Japan's Christians take up cause of wartime prostitutes 28/05
Japan Lutherans pioneer sign language guide for deaf 28/16
UPDATE: Church member appointed head of Japan's Social Democratic Party 30/02
UPDATE: Japan Lutheran relief group holds national study conference 30/02
Protestant church opposes Japanese troops as UN peacemakers 30/15
Japan should apologize to Dutch war victims, church council urges 35/14

KENYA
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
UPDATE: Kenyan president opened All-Africa Religious Liberty Congress 31/02
African churches endorse movement for democracy 36/05

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF (South Korea)
Apartheid treatment for foreigners in Japan 24/16
Korean Lutherans celebrate Reformation 36/07
Koreans ask: "Martin who?" by Shirley Dorow 36/07

KUWAIT
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05

LATIN AMERICA GENERAL (Central and South America)
Churches urged to mark Columbus fifth centennial by call to repentance 21/10
Latin American churches gear up to fight AIDS epidemic, by Laurie Bretz 22/06
UPDATE: 85 percent of Latin American Protestants reported Pentecostals 23/02
UPDATE: Managua meeting on Theological Education in Survival Situations 28/02
500 years colonization of the American continent: Viewed from a church of immigrants, by Gottfried Brakemeier 29/14
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11

LATVIA
LWF Council debates vice-presidency 24/11
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
LWF welcomes Baltic independence 28/16
UPDATE: WCC urges Baltics to play positive role in healing old wounds 30/02
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13

LEBANON
WCC executive committee meets for first time since Assembly 26/13
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
Chief rabbi supports Palestinians' plea to stay in Denmark 35/12
Fate of Palestinian refugees in Denmark remains uncertain 37/04
Anglican envoy's release is sign of hope 37/15

LIBERIA
Refugees from Liberia are fleeing back home 22/05
Liberian bishops avoid church split, by Sonia Groenewold 25/04
Bishop disappointed by US role in Liberian civil war, by Gustav Spohn 25/05
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
Liberian Methodists suspend pastors who joined rebels 28/12
LWF suspends relief work in most of Liberia 29/05
Grim images of war slowly give way to hope in Liberia, by William Bole 29/06
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions, by Willmar Thorkelson 29/11
UPDATE: Liberian newspaper reports on Methodist suspension of pastors 30/02
In Liberia, church and state have always mixed, by William Bole 30/12
UPDATE: Christian radio broadcasts resume in Liberia 31/02
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11

LITHUANIA
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
LWF welcomes Baltic independence 28/16
UPDATE: WCC urges Baltics to play positive role in healing old wounds 30/02
UPDATE: First cleric elected to Lithuania's legislative body 34/02
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14

MADAGASCAR
LWF concerned at Madagascar unrest 27/05
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions, by Willmar Thorkelson 29/11

MALI
US Lutheran agency teams up for food production project in Mali 38/13

MALAWI
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16

MALAYSIA
Malaysian Lutheran seminary set to expand 22/13
Malaysia turns down visa extensions for Bible translators 26/10
Malaysians to help train Lutherans in Bangladesh 31/04

MIDDLE EAST
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF calls for Middle East peace conference 23/06
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05

Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
UPDATE: WCC message to Middle East Peace Conference delegations 34/02
LWF calls for "spirit of compromise" in Middle East talks 34/03
Middle East Council of Churches thanks LWF for solidarity 34/09

MEXICO
UPDATE: LCMS study program in Mexico marks Columbus anniversary 29/02
Mexican proposals would give churches legal recognition 37/11

MOZAMBIQUE
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
Portuguese-, Spanish-speaking Africans form communication network 30/11
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16

NAMIBIA
UPDATE: Namibia hosts UNESCO seminar on future of Africa's press 21/02
UPDATE: WACC to hold Africa regional assembly and workshop in Windhoek 23/02
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF lifts suspension of white churches in southern Africa 23/06
UPDATE: France publishes prayers by Namibian Lutheran bishop 25/02
UPDATE: WCC published account of Namibian repatriation of exiles 27/02
Namibian churches issue protests, oppose lifting of sanctions 27/06
Lutheran church calls for end to violence in Namibia 29/04
Luther institute names recipients of Wittenberg awards 32/15
'White' Lutheran church wants to join Namibian church council 33/03
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
Namibian Council of Churches' role to change 38/08

NEPAL
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03

NETHERLANDS, THE
UPDATE: Netherlands training for developing country radio/TV workers 25/02
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Japan should apologize to Dutch war victims, church council urges 35/14

NEW ZEALAND
UPDATE: Anti-abortion group addresses New Zealand Lutheran synod 22/02
UPDATE: Taiwan pastor to hold services for Taiwanese in New Zealand 24/02

NICARAGUA
UPDATE: Managua meeting on Theological Education in Survival Situations 28/02
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11

NIGER
UPDATE: National conference dissolved government in Niger 31/02

NIGERIA
Nigerian church leader calls for LWF help in Christian-Muslim dialogue 22/04
Nigerian Christians urge government to declare position on Islam 22/04
Nigeria's bishop urges Christians, Muslims to learn about each other's faith 24/03
Christian, Muslim leaders meet to lessen interfaith tensions in Nigeria 27/12
UPDATE: School students expelled "for conduct likely to cause disaffection between Christians and Muslims" 28/02
UPDATE: Nigeria suspends participation in Islamic Conference 31/02
LWF called to support dialogue between Christians, Muslims in Nigeria 38/05

NORDIC EUROPE (Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden)
Nordic ecumenical council appoints new director and moderator 21/16

NORWAY
UPDATE: New bishop consecrated in Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim 22/02

UPDATE: Proposal to merge Church of Norway secretariats 29/02
Norwegian church defrocks anti-abortion pastor 29/16
UPDATE: New general secretary for Norwegian Missionary Society 31/02
Death of Sigurd Åske, former director of Radio Voice of the Gospel 32/06
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Lutheran Shipping's second vessel plies Papua's north coast 23/12
UPDATE: Former missionary to PNG is Asia mission secretary at LCMS 25/02
Pastoral visit hopes for reconciliation in Papua New Guinea church, by David Lin 37/07
Irian Jaya refugees call for spiritual aid 37/08

PHILIPPINES
UPDATE: Philippines Lutheran seminary president to do research in London 25/02
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
UPDATE: Police question priest for possible rebel connections 28/02
UPDATE: Philippines grenade attack on Operation Mobilization ship 28/02
Chinese Christians devise strategy for world evangelization 29/15
US Lutheran agency helps poor develop income 36/06
UPDATE: Philippine churches concerned at possible death penalty 37/02
Philippines Lutherans aid Mount Pinatubo refugees, by Gerrit ten Velde 37/12
Philippines Lutherans appeal for aid to flood victims 37/13

PORTUGAL
UPDATE: Europe urban industrial mission group met in Portugal 35/02

ROMANIA
Romania's bishop says flood of Lutheran emigrants is over 21/09
UPDATE: Danish bishop recommends Romanian refugees build Orthodox church 22/02
Hungarians treated as second-class citizens in Romania, bishop says 26/09
Lutheran church reviews tasks as nine out of 10 Germans leave Romania 33/06
Romanian bishop says ethnic minorities still oppressed 38/04

RWANDA
UPDATE: Rwandan woman elected president of WACC Africa region 35/02
Lutheran agency aids refugee orphans from South Africa 37/08

SIERRA LEONE
Refugees from Liberia are fleeing back home 22/05
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11

SINGAPORE
UPDATE: Dr. Choong Chee-Pang retired as principal of Singapore college 21/02

SOMALIA
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
Somali faction asks churches to mediate conflict 31/11
UPDATE: Red Cross says Somalia needs 50,000 tons of food a month 36/02

SOUTH AFRICA
UPDATE: Amnesty International says political prisoners in Bophutatswana 21/02
LWF may lift suspension of southern African white churches, Staalsett reports 21/04
972 political prisoners still in South African jails, says commission 21/07
15 Transvaal detainees released, but magistrate issues threat 21/08
First WCC delegation to visit South Africa in 30 years 22/14
UPDATE: Anti-apartheid Anglican bishop returned to South Africa 23/02
UPDATE: Contextual theology institute's new magazine on southern Africa 23/02
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF lifts suspension of white churches in southern Africa 23/06
Inkatha behind intimidation in South Africa, independent inquiry board says 24/03

Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
Archbishop Tutu upset over lifting of US sanctions 25/03
South African church leaders call for interim government 25/04
Namibian churches issue protests, oppose lifting of sanctions 27/06
UPDATE: South African churches call to inspect security training camps 28/02
Reformed churches postpone union in South Africa 28/06
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
White minority still rules South Africa, church leader says 30/07
World Council of Churches leader visits South Africa 32/16
World Council of Churches signals gains in apartheid struggle, by Hennie Serfontein 34/08
UPDATE: Anglican priest among hundreds detained in Ciskei 35/02
UPDATE: South African Methodist bishop appointed to peace committee 35/02
UPDATE: Former LWF staffer is vice chancellor of Ciskei university 35/02
UPDATE: Two Seventh-day Adventist unions to merge in South Africa 36/02
Lutheran agency aids refugee orphans from South Africa 37/08

SPAIN
UPDATE: Bible Society of Spain to distribute Bibles at Olympics 24/02
UPDATE: CEC's 5th European Ecumenical Encounter held in Spain 38/02
Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order in 1993 38/16

SUDAN
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
UPDATE: Sharia law will not be applied to non-Muslims in Sudan 27/02
LWF relief to Sudan tops 43,000 tons 31/11
SPLA hit by mystery of 'abandoned' children 31/12
Coup attempt shakes Sudan insurgency movement 31/13
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04

SWEDEN
UPDATE: Former Swedish Lutheran bishop joins Brandeis university in US 25/02
Pope holds historic prayer service with Lutherans 31/06
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
Swedish church agencies pledge increased aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea 34/04
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13

SWITZERLAND
UPDATE: Former general secretary of Swiss charity dies in Berne 29/02
UPDATE: Switzerland to host CEC conference on training for refugee work 30/02
US Baptists vote to stop funding European seminary 33/14

TAIWAN (Republic of China)
UPDATE: Taiwan pastor to hold services for Taiwanese in New Zealand 24/02
UPDATE: China Lutheran Seminary, Taiwan, has new Master's programs 34/02

TANZANIA
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions, by Willmar Thorkelson 29/11
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
Avoiding environmental suicide in Tanzania 38/13

THAILAND
UPDATE: New chairman for Lutheran mission in Thailand 21/02

TURKEY
MECC convenes human rights seminar on Cyprus 26/10
Bartholomeos of Chalcedon named Ecumenical Patriarch 36/10

UGANDA
UPDATE: Uganda's Catholic bishops urge end to dowry system 28/02
Uganda: Community development among the women of Karamoja, by Christian Roslev Sørensen 28/10
UPDATE: Ugandan church leaders criticize anti-AIDS campaign 30/02

UK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
UPDATE: Birmingham hosts international conference on Islam in Europe 21/02
UPDATE: Decade of Evangelism in England not assault on other faiths 22/02
Queen appoints woman as royal chaplain in Scotland, by Rennie McOwan 22/15
UPDATE: WARC European committee met in England 24/02
UPDATE: Baptism proposed only for children of practicing Christians 24/02
UPDATE: Church of England synod sleeps outdoors to raise money 25/02
UPDATE: Philippines Lutheran seminary president to do research in London 25/02
Archbishop 'ashamed' of churches' poor communications 31/15
UPDATE: All-time low in British overseas aid spending 32/02
Jesus' advice is irrelevant for church funds, UK lawyer argues, by Austin Carley 32/14
UPDATE: Muslims in England concerned at Christian evangelistic campaign 37/02
Anglican envoy's release is sign of hope 37/15
UPDATE: Church of England discusses need to evangelize children 38/02

USA (United States of America--see USA-RELATED TOPICS)

USSR (Soviet Union)
Strong religious revival among Ingrians in Soviet Union 21/11
UPDATE: Billy Graham announced evangelism school for Soviet pastors 22/02
LWF buys children's Bibles for Soviet Union 22/16
Ecumenical team reports human rights abuses in Armenia 25/08
UPDATE: Southern Baptist colleges in exchange with Soviet schools 26/02
UPDATE: Poll shows more Russians in favor of school prayers than against 26/02
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
Russian Orthodox church pledges to counter anti-Semitism 26/10
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
Estonia's Lutherans give thanks for independence 28/05
New Testaments distributed to Moscow troops during crisis 28/11
Missouri synod sends Bibles to Lutherans in Kazakhstan 28/12
LWF welcomes Baltic independence 28/16
UPDATE: Delegates met in Kiev to form Ukrainian Bible Society 29/02
UPDATE: Baptists appeal for funds to train pastors in former USSR 30/02
UPDATE: First United Methodist congregation established in Russia 32/02
UPDATE: CEC expresses sorrow at violence in Georgia 32/02
Estonian archbishop describes new challenges 32/10
Estonia: Church and people face a new beginning, by Toomas Paul 32/11
Russian Orthodox leaders urge Christians not to take revenge on communists 32/13
Orthodox Metropolitan denies accusation of KGB collaboration 32/14
UPDATE: Finland Lutherans distribute Russian books from LCMS 33/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventists send Bibles to Russia 33/02
UPDATE: Vatican says Pope may soon visit Soviet Union 34/02
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14
UPDATE: Russian Orthodox and Bible Societies agree to cooperate 36/02
St. Petersburg Lutherans to get back church 36/09
Russian church head calls for dialogue to heal rifts 36/15
The churches in the Soviet Union after the attempted coup, by Manfred Voegele 36/15

UPDATE: On US visit, Orthodox patriarch decries anti-Semitism in Russia 37/02
UPDATE: New pastor for German-speaking congregation in St. Petersburg 38/02
UPDATE: German Evangelical Lutheran Church now registered in Russia 38/02
UPDATE: Christian Reformed radio programs broadcast in Russia 38/02

VANUATU
UPDATE: Pacific Conference of Churches held assembly in Vanuatu 32/02

VATICAN
UPDATE: Eugene Brand to represent LWF at Vatican celebration 24/02
UPDATE: More than 919 million Catholics, Vatican statistics office says 26/02
Pope holds historic prayer service with Lutherans 31/06
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
UPDATE: Vatican will establish diplomatic relations with Albania 32/02
UPDATE: Vatican says Pope may soon visit Soviet Union 34/02
Italian Lutherans react to news reports of St. Birgitta service 34/13
Disquiet about absence of Danish bishops from major ecumenical service 37/04
Orthodox complaints dominate European Catholic synod, by Ruth E. Gruber 38/12

VIETNAM
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
Former Vietnam refugee to aid children in Hong Kong detention centers 26/12
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11
UPDATE: Vietnamese give permission for 5,000 Bibles 38/02

YUGOSLAVIA
Yugoslav bishop condemns escalation of ethnic violence 22/03
Slovenian church urges LWF backing for independence 22/03
Yugoslav church leaders issue joint statement on ethnic tensions 22/03
LWF appeals for halt to violence in Yugoslavia 23/07
Yugoslav church leaders supported in call for peace talks 23/08
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Yugoslavia's churches welcome ecumenical talks proposal 27/04
LWF states support for churches in "tragic" Yugoslavia 27/04
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Croatian, Serbian church leaders attempt to set up dialogue 29/08
LWF appeals for food aid to Croatia 35/03
LWF urges UN to send peace-keeping mission to Yugoslavia 35/03
Croatian refugees seek relief in Hungary, by Gottfried Mierau 35/04
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Keep trying for peace talks in Yugoslavia, church leaders urge 36/05
LWF food aid arrives in Croatia 37/03
LWF calls on Yugoslav presidents to support UN peace-keeping role 37/03
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
Croatian soldiers freed after appeal to LWF 38/05

ZAIRE
UPDATE: AACC asks OAU to intervene in Zaire's "volatile situation" 35/02
UPDATE: Church of Christ in Zaire appeals for democratic process 36/02

ZAMBIA
UPDATE: Baptist Convention of Zambia now has 408 churches 27/02

ZIMBABWE
Zimbabwe bishop urges church to combat "begging syndrome" 29/10
UPDATE: New bishop for Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe 36/02
Release African theology from Western 'pie in the sky' approach, scholar says, by Tom Morton 37/05

USA-RELATED TOPICS

USA GENERAL

US reformed synod affirms move toward female ordination 21/12
Reformed Church in America takes steps to boost role of women 21/13
UPDATE: Church Council president on US delegation to Helsinki accord 22/02
COMMENT: Are denominations irrelevant? - An American perspective, by Randall Balmer 23/14
COMMENT: Building a church on marketing surveys, by Randall Balmer 24/14
UPDATE: United Methodist Church lost 62,000 members in US, Puerto Rico 25/02
UPDATE: Former Swedish Lutheran bishop joins Brandeis university in US 25/02
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
Archbishop Tutu upset over lifting of US sanctions 25/03
Bishop disappointed by US role in Liberian civil war, by Gustav Spohn 25/05
Court martial set for US marine who opposed Gulf war, by William Bole 25/11
US Presbyterians prioritize funds to projects that "empower women", by Pamela Schaeffer 25/13
4,500 attend US Lutheran charismatic conference, by Willmar Thorkelson 25/13
UPDATE: US Catholic diocese implements new policy on sexual misconduct 26/02
Orthodox church suspends membership of US churches council 26/06
Management consultant urges US churches to narrow priorities, by Dolly Patterson 27/07
UPDATE: Wisconsin university celebrates 1600th anniversary of Augustine 29/02
US Greek Orthodox call off ecumenical talks as protest 29/10
UPDATE: US Methodists still unclear whether homosexuality is Christian 30/02
Traditional religious activities widely regarded as 'optional' 30/09
Christian Reformed synod rules evolution teaching is wrong 30/11
Christian lesbians plan first US conference 31/09
Religious activists campaign to end US aid to El Salvador, by William Bole 31/16
UPDATE: Symposium on 'The Bible for America in the 21st century' 32/02
UPDATE: Minnesota supreme court upholds Catholic eviction of homosexuals 32/02
UPDATE: New president nominated to US Institute of Peace 32/02
Anti-hunger lobby says many in US need food aid, by William Bole 32/08
Traditionalists decry US Episcopal church actions 32/15
Luther institute names recipients of Wittenberg awards 32/15
UPDATE: Episcopal church in Fort Worth cuts donations to national church 33/02
UPDATE: Russian Orthodox patriarch to visit US 33/02
US churches try to document, combat sexual harassment 33/05
US religious membership growing faster than population 33/13
US Baptists vote to stop funding European seminary 33/14
After years of discord, Anglican dissidents merge 33/14
Religious groups split over Columbus anniversary 33/15
UPDATE: Catholic sacred music nominated for Grammy award 34/02
Christians apologize to native Alaskans for past wrongs 34/10
More US Orthodox suspend ecumenical council activities 34/11
United Church conservatives call leaders to repent 34/12
UPDATE: Prayer in court violates US constitution 35/02
While alone, many US teenagers often pray and read Bible 35/11
Catholic theologian calls church-state separation an excuse for silence, by Willmar Thorkelson 35/12
UPDATE: 'The Church in North America' is seminary convocation theme 36/02
UPDATE: Lutheran Children and Family Service places foster children 36/02
UPDATE: Albert Schweitzer prize for former US surgeon-general 36/02
UPDATE: Seminary colloquium on 'Luther and Global Christianity' 36/02
UPDATE: US reservist sentenced for Gulf war conscientious objection 37/02
UPDATE: On US visit, Orthodox patriarch decries anti-Semitism in Russia 37/02
US Americans find churches insensitive, study shows 37/06
Advance copies of English-Chinese hymn book available 37/10
Immigrant church lost in suburban flight, by Randall Balmer 38/15

LCMS (Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

LCMS tightens its belt in US 24/09
Lively music could attract blacks, Lutherans told, by Alvin Benn 24/12
UPDATE: Former missionary to PNG is Asia mission secretary at LCMS 25/02
Missouri synod sends Bibles to Lutherans in Kazakhstan 28/12
UPDATE: LCMS study program in Mexico marks Columbus anniversary 29/02
LCMS issues mission blueprint for the nineties 29/13
UPDATE: LCMS to hold US Hispanic Lutheran conference in Miami 31/02
UPDATE: LCMS archivists, historians to meet in St. Louis 31/02
UPDATE: LCMS members, partners gather in Hong Kong 32/02
Lutheran professor blames dismissal on women clergy dispute, by Willmar Thorkelson 32/07
UPDATE: LCMS congress on 'The Role of the Laity in Gospel Communication' 33/02
UPDATE: Finland Lutherans distribute Russian books from LCMS 33/02
Missouri churches pledge aid to Hong Kong synod 35/15
UPDATE: LCMS mission congress; Lutheran Society for Missiology formed 36/02
Protestant high school opens in Bratislava 36/09
UPDATE: Lutheran archivists, historians held St. Louis conference 37/02
UPDATE: Concordia Historical Institute published conference papers 37/02
Pastoral visit hopes for reconciliation in Papua New Guinea church, by David Lin 37/07

ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Face up to growing AIDS crisis, Lutheran network urges churches 21/03
Lutheran magazine looks at clergy sexual abuse 21/09
27,000 teenage Lutherans meet in Dallas 21/11
Eugene Brand receives theological leadership award 21/16
US Lutheran college rejects honorary degree for Catholic 21/16
COUNCIL REPORT: ELCA less involved in LWF than predecessor churches 22/06
UPDATE: ELCA membership increased to 5.24 million 23/02
Conservative Lutherans call on US bishop Chilstrom to step down 23/10
Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians form joint parish in US 23/11
Faith and fun mix at major US Lutheran youth gathering 23/14
Petition rejects ELCA abortion statement, by Willmar Thorkelson 24/08
African Americans asked to transform Lutheran church 24/12
Experts cautious about US Lutheran membership rise, by Gustav Spohn 24/13
UPDATE: Timothy Seitz elected president of ELCA youth organization 25/02
UPDATE: ELCA held multicultural youth event in Texas 25/02
Liberian bishops avoid church split, by Sonia Groenewold 25/04
ELCA ministry task force critiques own report 25/11
US Lutherans should adopt European episcopate, theologian advises, by Willmar Thorkelson 25/12
4,500 attend US Lutheran charismatic conference, by Willmar Thorkelson 25/13
ELCA confirmation task force shifts gears 25/14
US Lutherans postpone all ecumenical talks 25/14
UPDATE: Sioux tribe gave grant of US$ 50,000 to ELCA's Augsburg College 26/02
UPDATE: Former church editor defends ELCA's Chilstrom 26/02
UPDATE: ELCA treasurer to leave office 26/02
ELCA prepares for Columbus quincentenary 26/03
US editor calls for protest of Lutheran quota system 26/04
US Lutheran consultation embraces bishop's vision for ELCA 26/05
US Lutheran report on human sexuality due out this fall 26/06
Slovak Lutheran bishop visits US 26/08
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti, by Roger R. Kahle 26/15
UPDATE: ELCA to hold conference on creation 27/02
4,000 attend US global mission events 27/14
ELCA to study theological education 27/14
US Lutherans face difficult challenges, professor says 27/16
ELCA defines policy on ecumenism 28/13
Chilstrom re-elected bishop of ELCA 28/14

ELCA assembly adopts restructure plans 28/15
ELCA assembly opposes death penalty 28/15
UPDATE: ELCA church secretary elected to another term 29/02
UPDATE: Kathy Magnus elected vice president of ELCA 29/02
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions, by Willmar Thorkelson 29/11
UPDATE: Homosexual group 'Lutherans Concerned' plan next assembly 30/02
US cardinal ordains ex-Lutheran scholar as Catholic priest, by Tracy Early 30/08
ELCA adopts abortion statement 30/10
Three Christian scholars critique their traditions, by Willmar Thorkelson 31/14
UPDATE: ELCA conference of bishops met in Chicago 32/02
US Lutheran women focus on environmental concerns 32/08
US campaign to highlight women and children in poverty 32/09
Estonian archbishop describes new challenges 32/10
UPDATE: Former bishop resigned 2 days before discipline committee met 33/02
UPDATE: ELCA church council will meet in Chicago 33/02
US Lutheran leaders compare notes on multicultural ministries 33/10
UPDATE: ELCA task force on ministry writes recommendations 34/02
Oldest Lutheran college honors former LWF director 34/14
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin, by David L. Miller 34/14
UPDATE: Clergy couple to head ELCA congregational ministries division 35/02
UPDATE: New head of ELCA Division for Church in Society 35/02
Use military funds to feed hungry, US pastor says 35/09
UPDATE: Augsburg Fortress publishes 'Dismantling Racism' by Bronx pastor 36/02
More mission work with Muslims, ELCA board affirms 36/06
Protestant high school opens in Bratislava 36/09
ELCA sexuality study to be released in December 36/11
UPDATE: Board of Lutheran Men in Mission, ELCA men's organization, meets 37/02
UPDATE: Seminary members meet ELCA task force on theological education 37/02
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
US Lutheran study on human sexuality out soon 38/14

LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

US Lutheran agency helps poor develop income 36/06
US Lutheran agency teams up for food production project in Mali 38/13

LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

Guatemalan refugees recount experiences of leaving their homeland 23/16
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
Former Vietnam refugee to aid children in Hong Kong detention centers 26/12
LIRS testimony suggests ways to improve resettlement of refugees 29/12
Lutheran immigration agency urges repeal of US employer sanctions 31/13
LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
Lutheran agency resettles Iraqi Kurds in US 33/16
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11
Lutheran agency aids refugee orphans from South Africa 37/08

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION NEWS ITEMS

LWF GENERAL

UPDATE: LWF published report of visit to Israel and Occupied Territories 21/02
UPDATE: LWF published documentation on Guatemala peace process 22/02
Slovenian church urges LWF backing for independence 22/03
Nigerian church leader calls for LWF help in Christian-Muslim dialogue 22/04
LWF buys children's Bibles for Soviet Union 22/16
LWF appeals for halt to violence in Yugoslavia 23/07
Haiti's president assures Protestants of fairer treatment, by Roger R. Kahle 23/09
UPDATE: Eugene Brand to represent LWF at Vatican celebration 24/02
Nigeria's bishop urges Christians, Muslims to learn about each other's faith 24/03

LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti, by Roger R. Kahle 26/15
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
LWF states support for churches in "tragic" Yugoslavia 27/04
LWF concerned at Madagascar unrest 27/05
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
LWF welcomes Baltic independence 28/16
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
LWF pledges continued support for peace process in Guatemala 29/03
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03
Salvadoran community leaders in danger despite peace accord 32/03
Churches can help prevent crisis facing East European children, aid director says 32/05
LWF protests violent overthrow of Haiti's president 33/03
'White' Lutheran church wants to join Namibian church council 33/03
Bishop credits Salvadoran people for peace talks, by Paul Jeffrey 33/09
LWF calls for "spirit of compromise" in Middle East talks 34/03
Middle East Council of Churches thanks LWF for solidarity 34/09
Deposed president asks churches to assist peaceful return to democracy in Haiti, by F. Andreas Müller 34/12
LWF urges UN to send peace-keeping mission to Yugoslavia 35/03
UPDATE: LWF urges resumption of Guatemala peace process 37/02
LWF calls on Yugoslav presidents to support UN peace-keeping role 37/03
LWF urges investigation into capture of El Salvador church figure 37/03
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
Anglican envoy's release is sign of hope 37/15
Lutheran churches urged to make priority of environment, development 38/03
Croatian soldiers freed after appeal to LWF 38/05
LWF called to support dialogue between Christians, Muslims in Nigeria 38/05
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09

LWF COUNCIL

Church can provide hope, LWF president says, by Carolyn Lewis 21/03
LWF may lift suspension of southern African white churches, Staalsett reports 21/04
LWF committee will review value of assemblies 21/06
Yugoslav bishop condemns escalation of ethnic violence 22/03
Nigerian church leader calls for LWF help in Christian-Muslim dialogue 22/04
Refugees from Liberia are fleeing back home 22/05
COUNCIL REPORT: ELCA less involved in LWF than predecessor churches 22/06
COUNCIL REPORT: Faced with deficit, LWF reviews funding 22/07
COUNCIL REPORT: Mission and evangelization discussion 22/08
Anglicans, Lutherans look to full communion 22/10
COUNCIL REPORT: Four new cabinet appointments 23/03
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF staff appointed, but starting delay requested 23/03
COUNCIL REPORT: In face of 1992 deficit, LWF cuts budget 23/04
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF calls for Middle East peace conference 23/06
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF lifts suspension of white churches in southern Africa 23/06
LWF to look at 'just war' concept, by Carolyn Lewis 24/04
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Lutheran churches called to counter maltreatment of children 24/09
Specialist panel will assess LWF finances 24/09
LWF Council gives further support to ecumenical news service, by Roger Kahle 24/10
LWF Council debates vice-presidency 24/11
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07

National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
Next LWF Council meeting in India, 1992 25/16
US Lutherans face difficult challenges, professor says 27/16
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03
LWF needs ecumenical program beyond scope of dialogue, general secretary says 31/05
LWF calls for "spirit of compromise" in Middle East talks 34/03
Aid agencies charged with condoning use of famine as weapon in Ethiopia 34/05
Lutheran churches urged to make priority of environment, development 38/03

LWF PROJECT COMMITTEE
Dialogue with other religions urged as top LWF priority 37/05
Funding assured for most LWF projects in 1991 38/03

LWF GENERAL SECRETARIAT
Eugene Brand receives theological leadership award 21/16
COUNCIL REPORT: Four new cabinet appointments 23/03
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF staff appointed, but starting delay requested 23/03
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
UPDATE: Church of Denmark to have meetings with LWF staff 38/02

LWF GENERAL SECRETARY
LWF may lift suspension of southern African white churches, Staalsett reports 21/04
LWF committee will review value of assemblies 21/06
COUNCIL REPORT: ELCA less involved in LWF than predecessor churches 22/06
LWF to look at 'just war' concept, by Carolyn Lewis 24/04
LWF pledges continued support for peace process in Guatemala 29/03
Albert Schweitzer award for LWF general secretary 29/07
LWF needs ecumenical program beyond scope of dialogue, general secretary says 31/05
LWF general secretary calls for stronger ecumenical links in Europe 34/09
LWF called to support dialogue between Christians, Muslims in Nigeria 38/05

LWF PRESIDENT
Church can provide hope, LWF president says, by Carolyn Lewis 21/03
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
500 years colonization of the American continent: Viewed from a church of immigrants, by Gottfried Brakemeier 29/14
Christmas greetings from the president of the Lutheran World Federation 37/16

LWF ASSEMBLY
LWF committee will review value of assemblies 21/06
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03

LWF-DMD (Department for Mission and Development)
UPDATE: LWF Youth Letter on youth participation in church structures 23/02
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF staff appointed, but starting delay requested 23/03
National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
UPDATE: LWF women's desk publishes latest issue of 'Women' 27/02
UPDATE: LWF publishes report on mission in urban Africa 28/02
India's churches open printing plant, women's center 30/06
India awards degrees to Lutheran aid directors 30/06
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
Dialogue with other religions urged as top LWF priority 37/05
Pastoral visit hopes for reconciliation in Papua New Guinea church, by David Lin 37/07
French Lutherans celebrate 450th anniversary of Reformation 37/15
UPDATE: Report of Africa Christian Education seminar available from LWF 38/02
Funding assured for most LWF projects in 1991 38/03

LWF-OCS (Office for Communication Services)
COUNCIL REPORT: Four new cabinet appointments 23/03

LWF-DTS (Department for Theology and Studies)
COUNCIL REPORT: Four new cabinet appointments 23/03
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF staff appointed, but starting delay requested 23/03
LWF to look at 'just war' concept, by Carolyn Lewis 24/04
Danish theologian starts as new LWF studies head 27/15
Future LWF studies team meets 35/06
Dialogue with other religions urged as top LWF priority 37/05

LWF-WS (Department for World Service)
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF calls for Middle East peace conference 23/06
Ethiopian church agency keeps relief trucks moving 23/08
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti, by Roger R. Kahle 26/15
Uganda: Community development among the women of Karamoja, by Christian Roslev Sørensen 28/10
LWF suspends relief work in most of Liberia 29/05
Study shows West Bank children becoming more malnourished 30/03
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03
LWF joins relief operations in Bangladesh floods 31/03
LWF aids flood victims in India 31/04
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
LWF relief to Sudan tops 43,000 tons 31/11
LWF World Service will open office in Eritrea 34/03
Critical food shortages hit southern Ethiopia 34/04
Relief delay hits Bangladesh flood victims 34/07
Oldest Lutheran college honors former LWF director 34/14
UPDATE: Former LWF staffer is vice chancellor of Ciskei university 35/02
LWF appeals for food aid to Croatia 35/03
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16
UPDATE: LWF Department for World Service field directors meet 36/02
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03
LWF food aid arrives in Croatia 37/03
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11
Philippines Lutherans aid Mount Pinatubo refugees, by Gerrit ten Velde 37/12
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04
Migration is major world issue, LWF director says 38/07
Avoiding environmental suicide in Tanzania 38/13

STRASBOURG INSTITUTE (Institute for Ecumenical Research, LWF-related)
Seminar studies ethical commitments made by ecumenical assemblies 27/12
The Lutheran confession and its doctrinal condemnations, by Harding Meyer 30/13
"Are ecumenical dialogues always compatible?" Lutheran theologian asks 33/04
Eritrea: Asmara is alive again, by Yacob Tesfai 34/06
French Lutherans celebrate 450th anniversary of Reformation 37/15

ECUMENISM

ECUMENISM GENERAL
UPDATE: WCC published 'Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement' 21/02
LWF may lift suspension of southern African white churches, Staalsett reports 21/04
Eugene Brand receives theological leadership award 21/16
Nordic ecumenical council appoints new director and moderator 21/16
COUNCIL REPORT: ELCA less involved in LWF than predecessor churches 22/06
COMMENT: Are denominations irrelevant? - An American perspective, by Randall Balmer 23/14

UPDATE: Brazil to host Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students 24/02
UPDATE: Ecumenical Council of Cuba celebrated 50th anniversary 24/02
ELCA defines policy on ecumenism 28/13
The Lutheran confession and its doctrinal condemnations, by Harding Meyer 30/13
LWF needs ecumenical program beyond scope of dialogue, general secretary says 31/05
Three Christian scholars critique their traditions, by Willmar Thorkelson 31/14
"Are ecumenical dialogues always compatible?" Lutheran theologian asks 33/04
LWF general secretary calls for stronger ecumenical links in Europe 34/09
Attitudes to Mary in Protestant churches, by Gisela von Heusinger 36/08

ANGLICANS
UPDATE: Group of Anglican bishops dismayed by women's ordination 21/02
UPDATE: Decade of Evangelism in England not assault on other faiths 22/02
Queen appoints woman as royal chaplain in Scotland, by Rennie McOwan 22/15
UPDATE: Anti-apartheid Anglican bishop returned to South Africa 23/02
UPDATE: Baptism proposed only for children of practicing Christians 24/02
UPDATE: Church of England synod sleeps outdoors to raise money 25/02
Archbishop Tutu upset over lifting of US sanctions 25/03
Archbishop 'ashamed' of churches' poor communications 31/15
Traditionalists decry US Episcopal church actions 32/15
UPDATE: Episcopal church in Fort Worth cuts donations to national church 33/02
After years of discord, Anglican dissidents merge 33/14
UPDATE: Anglican priest among hundreds detained in Ciskei 35/02
UPDATE: Church of England discusses need to evangelize children 38/02

BAPTISTS
Mob destroys Baptist meeting house in Indonesia 22/14
UPDATE: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to lose half faculty 26/02
UPDATE: Southern Baptist colleges in exchange with Soviet schools 26/02
UPDATE: Baptist Convention of Zambia now has 408 churches 27/02
UPDATE: Gangs ransacked Baptist mission in Bangui 27/02
UPDATE: Baptists appeal for funds to train pastors in former USSR 30/02
US Baptists vote to stop funding European seminary 33/14

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH
Jerusalem church leaders condemn anti-Christian demonstrations 25/15
Russian Orthodox church pledges to counter anti-Semitism 26/10
UPDATE: On US visit, Orthodox patriarch decries anti-Semitism in Russia 37/02

CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM
Ghana's Islamic head asks Christians, Muslims to cooperate 21/10
Nigerian church leader calls for LWF help in Christian-Muslim dialogue 22/04
Nigerian Christians urge government to declare position on Islam 22/04
Mob destroys Baptist meeting house in Indonesia 22/14
Nigeria's bishop urges Christians, Muslims to learn about each other's faith 24/03
Cameroon church alarmed by ethnic clashes 27/09
What chance for the religions of Cameroon? by Jean-Paul Haas 27/10
Christian, Muslim leaders meet to lessen interfaith tensions in Nigeria 27/12
UPDATE: Nigerian school students expelled "for conduct likely to cause disaffection between Christians and Muslims" 28/02
Albanians will turn to Christianity, government minister says 30/08
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
More mission work with Muslims, ELCA board affirms 36/06
UPDATE: Muslims in England concerned at Christian evangelistic campaign 37/02
LWF called to support dialogue between Christians, Muslims in Nigeria 38/05

EVANGELICALS
UPDATE: Billy Graham announced evangelism school for Soviet pastors 22/02
COMMENT: Building a church on marketing surveys, by Randall Balmer 24/14

UPDATE: Hungary hosts Lausanne Committee's European summit 28/02
UPDATE: Argentine Evangelicals form new political party 32/02

ISLAM
UPDATE: Birmingham hosts international conference on Islam in Europe 21/02
Nigerian Christians urge government to declare position on Islam 22/04
UPDATE: Sharia law will not be applied to non-Muslims in Sudan 27/02
UPDATE: Nigeria suspends participation in Islamic Conference 31/02

JUDAISM
Chief rabbi supports Palestinians' plea to stay in Denmark 35/12

LUTHERAN GENERAL
US Lutherans should adopt European episcopate, theologian advises, by Willmar Thorkelson 25/12
US Lutherans postpone all ecumenical talks 25/14
New liturgy book for Lutherans in Brazil, by Eugene L. Brand 26/14
US Lutherans face difficult challenges, professor says 27/16
Lutheran women theologians affirm experiential theology, by Gisela von Heusinger 28/07
Third World scholars expected at 1993 Luther congress 29/09
The Lutheran confession and its doctrinal condemnations, by Harding Meyer 30/13
Meditation service without sermon is not Lutheran, bishop rules 36/10

LUTHERAN-ANGLICAN
Anglicans, Lutherans look to full communion 22/10
Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians form joint parish in US 23/11
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations, by Donald Anderson 35/13
Anglican envoy's release is sign of hope 37/15

LUTHERAN-MENNONITE
German Lutherans put off communion with Mennonites 35/09

LUTHERAN-ORTHODOX
UPDATE: Danish bishop recommends Romanian refugees build Orthodox church 22/02
Orthodox-Lutheran publications in English, German 32/16

LUTHERAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC
UPDATE: Eugene Brand to represent LWF at Vatican celebration 24/02
US cardinal ordains ex-Lutheran scholar as Catholic priest, by Tracy Early 30/08
Pope holds historic prayer service with Lutherans 31/06
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
Lutheran-Catholic joint commission meets in Italy 32/03
Italian Lutherans react to news reports of St. Birgitta service 34/13
Disquiet about absence of Danish bishops from major ecumenical service 37/04

METHODISTS
Methodist clergy warned about seduction risks in church care 21/08
UPDATE: United Methodist Church lost 62,000 members in US, Puerto Rico 25/02
UPDATE: World Methodist Council protests Israeli settlements 28/02
Liberian Methodists suspend pastors who joined rebels 28/12
UPDATE: Methodists to build hospice in Frederikshavn, Denmark 29/02
UPDATE: Liberian newspaper reports on Methodist suspension of pastors 30/02
UPDATE: US Methodists still unclear whether homosexuality is Christian 30/02
UPDATE: First United Methodist congregation established in Russia 32/02
UPDATE: South African Methodist bishop appointed to peace committee 35/02

ORTHODOX
Orthodox church suspends membership of US churches council 26/06
US Greek Orthodox call off ecumenical talks as protest 29/10

Orthodox patriarch promises funds to help Albania 30/07
UPDATE: Ethiopian Orthodox patriarch resigned after demonstration 31/02
Russian Orthodox leaders urge Christians not to take revenge on communists 32/13
Orthodox Metropolitan denies accusation of KGB collaboration 32/14
UPDATE: Russian Orthodox patriarch to visit US 33/02
More US Orthodox suspend ecumenical council activities 34/11
UPDATE: Russian Orthodox and Bible Societies agree to cooperate 36/02
Bartholomeos of Chalcedon named Ecumenical Patriarch 36/10
Russian church head calls for dialogue to heal rifts 36/15
The churches in the Soviet Union after the attempted coup, by Manfred Voegele 36/15
UPDATE: On US visit, Orthodox patriarch decries anti-Semitism in Russia 37/02
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09

ORTHODOX-ROMAN CATHOLIC
Yugoslav church leaders issue joint statement on ethnic tensions 22/03
Orthodox complaints dominate European Catholic synod, by Ruth E. Gruber 38/12

OTHER FAITHS
COUNCIL REPORT: Mission and evangelization discussion 22/08
Dialogue with other religions urged as top LWF priority 37/05

PENTECOSTALS
UPDATE: 85 percent of Latin American Protestants reported Pentecostals 23/02

PRESBYTERIANS
Queen appoints woman as royal chaplain in Scotland, by Rennie McOwan 22/15
Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians form joint parish in US 23/11
UPDATE: 68 congregations left Presbyterian church in last 8 years 24/02
US Presbyterians prioritize funds to projects that "empower women", by Pamela Schaeffer 25/13

REFORMED
US reformed synod affirms move toward female ordination 21/12
Reformed Church in America takes steps to boost role of women 21/13
UPDATE: Salvadoran Reformed congregation has 47,000 members 28/02
Reformed churches postpone union in South Africa 28/06
Christian Reformed synod rules evolution teaching is wrong 30/11
UPDATE: Reformed Ecumenical Council to hold conferences in Greece 31/02
UPDATE: Christian Reformed radio programs broadcast in Russia 38/02
Romanian bishop says ethnic minorities still oppressed 38/04

ROMAN CATHOLICS
UPDATE: Number of Japan's Catholics rose by 5,000 in 1990 24/02
UPDATE: More than 919 million Catholics, Vatican statistics office says 26/02
UPDATE: US Catholic diocese implements new policy on sexual misconduct 26/02
UPDATE: Catholic radio/TV body publishes 'Educommunication News' 29/02
UPDATE: Minnesota supreme court upholds Catholic eviction of homosexuals 32/02
UPDATE: Catholic sacred music nominated for Grammy award 34/02
Catholic theologian calls church-state separation an excuse for silence, by Willmar Thorkelson 35/12
Survey says Italians don't practice Catholic beliefs, by Ruth E. Gruber 36/12

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Seventh-Day Adventists issue statement on religious freedom in Finland 29/16
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventist council to meet in Australia 31/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventists send Bibles to Russia 33/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventists set up AIDS information center 34/02
UPDATE: Two Seventh-day Adventist unions to merge in South Africa 36/02

SUBJECTS

AACC (All Africa Conference of Churches)
UPDATE: Cairo to host assembly of All Africa Conference of Churches 23/02
UPDATE: 600 delegates expected at AACC's Cairo assembly 27/02
Somali faction asks churches to mediate conflict 31/11
UPDATE: AACC asks OAU to intervene in Zaire's "volatile situation" 35/02
African churches endorse movement for democracy 36/05

ABORTION
UPDATE: Anti-abortion group addresses New Zealand Lutheran synod 22/02
Canada's Lutherans approve statement on abortion 24/07
Reduce abortions by changing attitudes, not laws, German churches advise 24/08
Petition rejects ELCA abortion statement, by Willmar Thorkelson 24/08
Norwegian church defrocks anti-abortion pastor 29/16
ELCA adopts abortion statement 30/10
More US Orthodox suspend ecumenical council activities 34/11
United Church conservatives call leaders to repent 34/12
German Lutheran bishop condemns abortion 35/06

AIDS (Acquired immune deficiency syndrome)
Face up to growing AIDS crisis, Lutheran network urges churches 21/03
Latin American churches gear up to fight AIDS epidemic, by Laurie Bretz 22/06
Ethiopian church develops its anti-AIDS work 28/06
UPDATE: Ugandan church leaders criticize anti-AIDS campaign 30/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventists set up AIDS information center 34/02
UPDATE: Fourth World Aids Day in December 34/02

AMITY FOUNDATION
UPDATE: Amity Foundation supported 70 projects in China over 6 years 21/02

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
UPDATE: Amnesty International says political prisoners in Bophutatswana 21/02
Court martial set for US marine who opposed Gulf war, by William Bole 25/11
UPDATE: Amnesty International says Israelis abuse detained Palestinians 26/02
UPDATE: African nations urged to ratify African charter on human rights 35/02

APARTHEID
First WCC delegation to visit South Africa in 30 years 22/14
UPDATE: Anti-apartheid Anglican bishop returned to South Africa 23/02
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF lifts suspension of white churches in southern Africa 23/06
Apartheid treatment for foreigners in Japan 24/16
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
Archbishop Tutu upset over lifting of US sanctions 25/03
Namibian churches issue protests, oppose lifting of sanctions 27/06
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
White minority still rules South Africa, church leader says 30/07
'White' Lutheran church wants to join Namibian church council 33/03
World Council of Churches signals gains in apartheid struggle, by Hennie Serfontein 34/08
UPDATE: WCC-UNESCO seminar on religion's role in dismantling apartheid 38/02

ARMAMENTS
Canada's Lutherans address trade, arms, refugees 25/09
Use military funds to feed hungry, US pastor says 35/09

ATHEISM
UPDATE: Congress of atheists to take place in Germany 33/02

BAPTISM
UPDATE: Baptism proposed only for children of practicing Christians 24/02
Canada's Lutherans adopt communion of all baptized, by Ferdy Baglo 25/10

BIBLE
LWF buys children's Bibles for Soviet Union 22/16
UPDATE: Lutheran Bible Translators of Australia celebrate anniversary 24/02
UPDATE: Bible Society of Spain to distribute Bibles at Olympics 24/02
UPDATE: The world has 130 Evangelical Lutheran Bible schools 26/02
Malaysia turns down visa extensions for Bible translators 26/10
New Testaments distributed to Moscow troops during crisis 28/11
Missouri synod sends Bibles to Lutherans in Kazakhstan 28/12
UPDATE: Delegates met in Kiev to form Ukrainian Bible Society 29/02
UPDATE: Symposium on 'The Bible for America in the 21st century' 32/02
UPDATE: Seventh-day Adventists send Bibles to Russia 33/02
Eastern German theologian calls for fresh approach to Bible 35/11
While alone, many US teenagers often pray and read Bible 35/11
UPDATE: Russian Orthodox and Bible Societies agree to cooperate 36/02
UPDATE: Vietnamese give permission for 5,000 Bibles 38/02

CCF (Christian Children's Fund)
Churches can help prevent crisis facing East European children, aid director says 32/05
Oldest Lutheran college honors former LWF director 34/14

CEC (Conference of European Churches)
UPDATE: New divisions of Europe discussed by CEC presidium 22/02
Yugoslav church leaders supported in call for peace talks 23/08
European churches welcome bigger role for Albania 23/13
European churches called to oppose death penalty 23/16
Ecumenical team reports human rights abuses in Armenia 25/08
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
Yugoslavia's churches welcome ecumenical talks proposal 27/04
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Croatian, Serbian church leaders attempt to set up dialogue 29/08
UPDATE: Switzerland to host CEC conference on training for refugee work 30/02
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03
UPDATE: German churches give piece of Berlin wall to CEC 32/02
UPDATE: Europe needs training in refugee work, CEC told 35/02
Keep trying for peace talks in Yugoslavia, church leaders urge 36/05
"New wall across Europe" hampers church work 36/06
UPDATE: German bishop, CEC president, dies 37/02
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
UPDATE: CEC's 5th European Ecumenical Encounter held in Spain 38/02
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09

CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS
UPDATE: Catholic bishop is new president of Congo's State Council 22/02
Haiti's president assures Protestants of fairer treatment, by Roger R. Kahle 23/09
Hungarian church holds first general synod since 1966 23/12
Reduce abortions by changing attitudes, not laws, German churches advise 24/08
Silesian church council stands firm on deposition of bishop 24/15
South African church leaders call for interim government 25/04
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07
Finland's president calls for end to church tax system 25/10
Jerusalem church leaders condemn anti-Christian demonstrations 25/15
"NATO agent" pastor rehabilitated in eastern Germany, by Hartmut Lorenz 26/07
Slovak Lutheran bishop visits US 26/08
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti, by Roger R. Kahle 26/15
Cameroon church alarmed by ethnic clashes 27/09

Church agency arranged trade deals to free GDR prisoners 27/13
UPDATE: South African churches call to inspect security training camps 28/02
UPDATE: Bulgaria's Sofia university now has theology after 40 year ban 28/02
Brandenburg goes slow on dismissal of 'Stasi' teachers 28/03
Eastern German bishop denies close church links with security service 28/04
Thuringia church administrators accused of links with security service 28/04
Estonia's Lutherans give thanks for independence 28/05
Security service links force German church finance head to resign 29/04
German newspaper reports church president was Stasi informer 29/04
UPDATE: Church member appointed head of Japan's Social Democratic Party 30/02
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
White minority still rules South Africa, church leader says 30/07
In Liberia, church and state have always mixed, by William Bole 30/12
Eastern Germans debate religion in schools, by William E. Downey 30/15
UPDATE: Argentine Evangelicals form new political party 32/02
Bishop predicts church constitution in Denmark 32/09
Estonian archbishop describes new challenges 32/10
Estonia: Church and people face a new beginning, by Toomas Paul 32/11
Russian Orthodox leaders urge Christians not to take revenge on communists 32/13
Orthodox Metropolitan denies accusation of KGB collaboration 32/14
Slovak church representatives meet Czechoslovakia's president 33/09
UPDATE: First cleric elected to Lithuania's legislative body 34/02
UPDATE: Prayer in court violates US constitution 35/02
Berlin church plans investigation of security service links 35/04
Berlin pastor admits meetings with communist security service 35/05
Saxony synod calls for church employees to be investigated 35/05
Chief rabbi supports Palestinians' plea to stay in Denmark 35/12
Catholic theologian calls church-state separation an excuse for silence, by Willmar Thorkelson 35/12
The churches in the Soviet Union after the attempted coup, by Manfred Voegele 36/15
Mexican proposals would give churches legal recognition 37/11
Eastern German synods vary approaches to contacts with security service 37/14
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09
Berlin church opposes investigation of security service links 38/09
German churches prepare to investigate links to state security service 38/10

CLAI (Latin American Council of Churches)
Churches urged to mark Columbus fifth centennial by call to repentance 21/10
UPDATE: CLAI's national, regional meetings on Columbus quincentenary 35/02

CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief)
India awards degrees to Lutheran aid directors 30/06

COLUMBUS CENTENNIAL
Churches urged to mark Columbus fifth centennial by call to repentance 21/10
COUNCIL REPORT: Mission and evangelization discussion 22/08
ELCA prepares for Columbus quincentenary 26/03
UPDATE: LCMS study program in Mexico marks Columbus anniversary 29/02
500 years colonization of the American continent: Viewed from a church of immigrants, by Gottfried Brakemeier 29/14
Native Americans to counter Columbus festivities, by Shelley Emling 33/15
Religious groups split over Columbus anniversary 33/15
UPDATE: CLAI's national, regional meetings on Columbus quincentenary 35/02

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION
Court martial set for US marine who opposed Gulf war, by William Bole 25/11
UPDATE: German conference focused on conscientious objectors in Europe 26/02
UPDATE: US reservist sentenced for Gulf war conscientious objection 37/02

CORRECTIONS
The last but one paragraph on page 3, LWI 23/91, should read 2.6 million Swiss francs 25/02
Sections of Berlin wall at Ecumenical Center were gift from German government board of trustees 33/02

CPC (Christian Peace Conference)
UPDATE: Christian Peace Conference assembly considers future 37/02

DANCHURCHAID
Bangladesh: Keeping people alive is only the first step, by Ulla Nedergaard 21/13
UPDATE: General secretary of Danchurchaid to retire 34/02

DEATH PENALTY
European churches called to oppose death penalty 23/16
ELCA assembly opposes death penalty 28/15
UPDATE: Philippine churches concerned at possible death penalty 37/02

DISABLED
UPDATE: Book on 'Women and Disability' co-financed by LWF 24/02
Japan Lutherans pioneer sign language guide for deaf 28/16
UPDATE: Lausanne Committee resolves to evangelize 516 million disabled 30/02

EDUCATION
UPDATE: Dr. Choong Chee-Pang retired as principal of Singapore college 21/02
Eugene Brand receives theological leadership award 21/16
US Lutheran college rejects honorary degree for Catholic 21/16
UPDATE: Billy Graham announced evangelism school for Soviet pastors 22/02
Malaysian Lutheran seminary set to expand 22/13
Canada's Lutherans give new name to college 25/09
November travel seminar plans to honor slain Jesuits of El Salvador 25/16
UPDATE: Sioux tribe gave grant of US$ 50,000 to ELCA's Augsburg College 26/02
UPDATE: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to lose half faculty 26/02
UPDATE: Southern Baptist colleges in exchange with Soviet schools 26/02
UPDATE: The world has 130 Evangelical Lutheran Bible schools 26/02
Hungary's Lutheran seminary has biggest intake of new students 27/08
ELCA to study theological education 27/14
UPDATE: Bulgaria's Sofia university now has theology after 40 year ban 28/02
UPDATE: Nigerian school students expelled "for conduct likely to cause disaffection between Christians and Muslims" 28/02
UPDATE: Managua meeting on Theological Education in Survival Situations 28/02
Brandenburg goes slow on dismissal of 'Stasi' teachers 28/03
Eastern Germans debate religion in schools, by William E. Downey 30/15
Lutheran professor blames dismissal on women clergy dispute, by Willmar Thorkelson 32/07
UPDATE: China Lutheran Seminary, Taiwan, has new Master's programs 34/02
Oldest Lutheran college honors former LWF director 34/14
UPDATE: Former LWF staffer is vice chancellor of Ciskei university 35/02
UPDATE: 'The Church in North America' is seminary convocation theme 36/02
UPDATE: Seminary colloquium on 'Luther and Global Christianity' 36/02
Protestant high school opens in Bratislava 36/09
UPDATE: Seminary members meet ELCA task force on theological education 37/02
UPDATE: Report of Africa Christian Education seminar available from LWF 38/02

ENVIRONMENT
Church leaders seek solution to Third World environmental issue 30/04
US Lutheran women focus on environmental concerns 32/08
Amazon conference appeals to industrial states 33/11
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16

Lutheran churches urged to make priority of environment, development 38/03
Avoiding environmental suicide in Tanzania 38/13

EUTHANASIA
United Church conservatives call leaders to repent 34/12

EVANGELISM
Church can provide hope, LWF president says, by Carolyn Lewis 21/03
UPDATE: Billy Graham announced evangelism school for Soviet pastors 22/02
UPDATE: Decade of Evangelism in England not assault on other faiths 22/02
COUNCIL REPORT: Mission and evangelization discussion 22/08
UPDATE: New Protestant church in Albania after evangelism campaign 29/02
Chinese Christians devise strategy for world evangelization 29/15
East European Protestants warn of too much evangelism from West 29/09
UPDATE: Lausanne Committee resolves to evangelize 516 million disabled 30/02
UPDATE: Muslims in England concerned at Christian evangelistic campaign 37/02
UPDATE: Church of England discusses need to evangelize children 38/02

EVOLUTION
Christian Reformed synod rules evolution teaching is wrong 30/11

GULF CONFLICT
UPDATE: JAPAN allocates funds to MECC for Palestinian refugees from Gulf 23/02
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Court martial set for US marine who opposed Gulf war, by William Bole 25/11
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
UPDATE: US reservist sentenced for Gulf war conscientious objection 37/02

HELSINKI PROCESS
UPDATE: Church Council president on US delegation to Helsinki accord 22/02

HOMOSEXUALITY
US Lutheran report on human sexuality due out this fall 26/06
Orthodox church suspends membership of US churches council 26/06
German Lutheran church affirms homosexuality 27/08
UPDATE: US Methodists still unclear whether homosexuality is Christian 30/02
UPDATE: Homosexual group 'Lutherans Concerned' plan next assembly 30/02
Christian lesbians plan first US conference 31/09
UPDATE: Minnesota supreme court upholds Catholic eviction of homosexuals 32/02
Traditionalists decry US Episcopal church actions 32/15
More US Orthodox suspend ecumenical council activities 34/11
United Church conservatives call leaders to repent 34/12
US Lutheran study on human sexuality out soon 38/14

HUMAN RIGHTS
972 political prisoners still in South African jails, says commission 21/07
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Lutheran churches called to counter maltreatment of children 24/09
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07
National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
Ecumenical team reports human rights abuses in Armenia 25/08
LWF supports Soviet churches in face of political change 26/03
MECC convenes human rights seminar on Cyprus 26/10
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF affirms support for Baltic self-determination 27/03
Religious activists campaign to end US aid to El Salvador, by William Bole 31/16
New German asylum-seekers to be sent to refugee camps 32/04
Guatemalan bishop to receive Romero award 32/09
LWF protests violent overthrow of Haiti's president 33/03

UPDATE: Biography of human rights activist available from WCC 34/02
UPDATE: African nations urged to ratify African charter on human rights 35/02
African churches endorse movement for democracy 36/05
German churches give more tax money as development aid 38/11
Salvadoran National Guard abducts pastor 38/11

HUNGER
Ethiopian church agency keeps relief trucks moving 23/08
German charity sees dramatic rise in donations 23/13
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
Rise in donations to help Third World holds, German charity confirms 31/10
Coup attempt shakes Sudan insurgency movement 31/13
Anti-hunger lobby says many in US need food aid, by William Bole 32/08
Critical food shortages hit southern Ethiopia 34/04
Aid agencies charged with condoning use of famine as weapon in Ethiopia 34/05
Eritrea: Asmara is alive again, by Yacob Tesfai 34/06
Relief delay hits Bangladesh flood victims 34/07
Use military funds to feed hungry, US pastor says 35/09
UPDATE: Red Cross says Somalia needs 50,000 tons of food a month 36/02
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04
German churches give more tax money as development aid 38/11

ICMC (International Christian Media Commission)
Archbishop 'ashamed' of churches' poor communications 31/15

IDL (Information Service of Lutheran Minority Churches in Europe)
Yugoslav church leaders issue joint statement on ethnic tensions 22/03
Slovak church representatives meet Czechoslovakia's president 33/09

KALME (Communication Committee for Lutheran Minority Churches in Europe)
Lutheran minority churches assess role in new Europe 32/06

KIRCHENTAG
UPDATE: 125,000 people attended 24th Protestant Kirchentag in Ruhr 21/02

LAITY
UPDATE: LCMS congress on 'The Role of the Laity in Gospel Communication' 33/02

LAUSANNE COMMITTEE FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION
UPDATE: Hungary hosts Lausanne Committee's European summit 28/02
East European Protestants warn of too much evangelism from West 29/09
UPDATE: Lausanne Committee resolves to evangelize 516 million disabled 30/02
UPDATE: Leighton Ford re-elected head of Lausanne Committee 30/02

LITERACY
Women in Africa: The struggle for literacy, by Carl F. Nielsen 28/09
Cameroon church opens center for women 37/15

LUCIA (Lutheran Communications in Asia)
UPDATE: LUCIA plans next assembly in Adelaide, Australia 33/02

LUCSA (Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa)
LWF firm on economic sanctions against South Africa 25/03
'White' Lutheran church wants to join Namibian church council 33/03

LUTHER (Martin Luther)
Koreans ask: "Martin who?" by Shirley Dorow 36/07

LUTHERHJAELPEN (Swedish Church Aid)
India's churches open printing plant, women's center 30/06
India awards degrees to Lutheran aid directors 30/06
Swedish church agencies pledge increased aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea 34/04

MASS MEDIA/MASS COMMUNICATION
UPDATE: Namibia hosts UNESCO seminar on future of Africa's press 21/02
African communicators called to be peace makers, by G.B.K. Owusu 24/04
LWF Council gives further support to ecumenical news service, by Roger Kahle 24/10
UPDATE: Netherlands training for developing country radio/TV workers 25/02
UPDATE: Catholic radio/TV body publishes 'Educommunication News' 29/02
Portuguese-, Spanish-speaking Africans form communication network 30/11
UPDATE: Christian radio broadcasts resume in Liberia 31/02
Archbishop 'ashamed' of churches' poor communications 31/15
UPDATE: New church newspaper in eastern Germany 38/02
UPDATE: Christian Reformed radio programs broadcast in Russia 38/02

MECC (Middle East Council of Churches)
UPDATE: JAPAN allocates funds to MECC for Palestinian refugees from Gulf 23/02
MECC convenes human rights seminar on Cyprus 26/10
UPDATE: MECC seminar on effective information sharing 29/02
Middle East Council of Churches thanks LWF for solidarity 34/09

MISSION
Church can provide hope, LWF president says, by Carolyn Lewis 21/03
Danish missionaries refused permits in Bangladesh 21/14
COUNCIL REPORT: Mission and evangelization discussion 22/08
UPDATE: Danish Missionary Society and Santal Mission consider merger 23/02
UPDATE: First European consultation of third world personnel in international Christian organizations, theological institutions, and church/mission boards 23/02
UPDATE: Former missionary to PNG is Asia mission secretary at LCMS 25/02
4,000 attend US global mission events 27/14
UPDATE: LWF publishes report on mission in urban Africa 28/02
Women and mission: A strained relationship? 28/08
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions, by Willmar Thorkelson 29/11
LCMS issues mission blueprint for the nineties 29/13
UPDATE: New general secretary for Norwegian Missionary Society 31/02
Malaysians to help train Lutherans in Bangladesh 31/04
UPDATE: Europe urban industrial mission group met in Portugal 35/02
Lack of funds limits mission in eastern Germany 35/07
Lutheran churches explore ways of proclaiming Gospel in new Europe 35/10
UPDATE: LCMS mission congress; Lutheran Society for Missiology formed 36/02
African churches endorse movement for democracy 36/05
More mission work with Muslims, ELCA board affirms 36/06
UPDATE: Board of Lutheran Men in Mission, ELCA men's organization, meets 37/02
Dialogue with other religions urged as top LWF priority 37/05
Release African theology from Western 'pie in the sky' approach, scholar says, by Tom Morton 37/05

OAU (Organization of African Unity)
UPDATE: AACC asks OAU to intervene in Zaire's "volatile situation" 35/02

OBITUARIES
UPDATE: Former general secretary of Swiss charity dies in Berne 29/02
Death of Sigurd Aske, former director of Radio Voice of the Gospel 32/06
UPDATE: Death of Bishop Rudolf Kostial of Slovak Evangelical Church 35/02
UPDATE: German bishop, CEC president, dies 37/02

OPERATION MOBILIZATION
UPDATE: Philippines grenade attack on Operation Mobilization ship 28/02

PCC (Pacific Conference of Churches)
UPDATE: Pacific Conference of Churches held assembly in Vanuatu 32/02

PEACE
UPDATE: Consultation on 'Peace and Life' took place on island of Crete 21/02
Yugoslav church leaders issue joint statement on ethnic tensions 22/03
LWF appeals for halt to violence in Yugoslavia 23/07
Yugoslav church leaders supported in call for peace talks 23/08
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07
UPDATE: YMCA Peace Day has theme "I am a stranger ... Are you there?" 27/02
LWF states support for churches in "tragic" Yugoslavia 27/04
LWF concerned at Madagascar unrest 27/05
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
LWF pledges continued support for peace process in Guatemala 29/03
Albert Schweitzer award for LWF general secretary 29/07
Protestant church opposes Japanese troops as UN peacemakers 30/15
UPDATE: New president nominated to US Institute of Peace 32/02
Salvadoran community leaders in danger despite peace accord 32/03
Bishop credits Salvadoran people for peace talks, by Paul Jeffrey 33/09
UPDATE: WCC message to Middle East Peace Conference delegations 34/02
LWF calls for "spirit of compromise" in Middle East talks 34/03
Middle East Council of Churches thanks LWF for solidarity 34/09
UPDATE: South African Methodist bishop appointed to peace committee 35/02
LWF urges UN to send peace-keeping mission to Yugoslavia 35/03
Keep trying for peace talks in Yugoslavia, church leaders urge 36/05
UPDATE: Christian Peace Conference assembly considers future 37/02
UPDATE: LWF urges resumption of Guatemala peace process 37/02
LWF calls on Yugoslav presidents to support UN peace-keeping role 37/03

POPE
Pope holds historic prayer service with Lutherans 31/06
An ecumenical gift in communion, by Eugene L. Brand 31/07
UPDATE: Pope John Paul II will meet disadvantaged in Brazil 32/02
UPDATE: Vatican says Pope may soon visit Soviet Union 34/02
UPDATE: Pope calls for more Western help to poor countries 37/02

PROSTITUTION
Japan's Christians take up cause of wartime prostitutes 28/05

PUNISHMENT
German church calls for more humane forms of punishment 21/15

RACISM
Canada's Lutherans address trade, arms, refugees 25/09
Namibian churches issue protests, oppose lifting of sanctions 27/06
Refugees in Germany occupy church to avoid neo-Nazis 30/04
New German asylum-seekers to be sent to refugee camps 32/04
Attacks on foreigners raise fears of racism in Germany, by F. Andreas Müller 33/07
Church condemns anti-foreigner violence in Germany 33/08
UPDATE: Augsburg Fortress publishes 'Dismantling Racism' by Bronx pastor 36/02

RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT
UPDATE: Red Cross says 20 million died in 105 wars since 1945 25/02
UPDATE: Red Cross says Somalia needs 50,000 tons of food a month 36/02
Croatian soldiers freed after appeal to LWF 38/05

REFUGEES

UPDATE: Danish bishop recommends Romanian refugees build Orthodox church 22/02
Refugees from Liberia are fleeing back home 22/05
UPDATE: JAPAN allocates funds to MECC for Palestinian refugees from Gulf 23/02
Guatemalan refugees recount experiences of leaving their homeland 23/16
UPDATE: 10 million of world's 20 million displaced persons are in Africa 24/02
Canada's Lutherans address trade, arms, refugees 25/09
MECC convenes human rights seminar on Cyprus 26/10
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
Former Vietnam refugee to aid children in Hong Kong detention centers 26/12
UPDATE: WCC published account of Namibian repatriation of exiles 27/02
UPDATE: Workshop report on refugees available from World YMCA 29/02
LIRS testimony suggests ways to improve resettlement of refugees 29/12
Christian refugees reported massacred in Ethiopia 29/13
UPDATE: Switzerland to host CEC conference on training for refugee work 30/02
Palestinians seek sanctuary in Danish churches 30/03
Study shows West Bank children becoming more malnourished 30/03
Refugees in Germany occupy church to avoid neo-Nazis 30/04
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
New German asylum-seekers to be sent to refugee camps 32/04
Attacks on foreigners raise fears of racism in Germany, by F. Andreas Müller 33/07
LIRS director urges fresh look at US admissions policy 34/11
UPDATE: Europe needs training in refugee work, CEC told 35/02
Croatian refugees seek relief in Hungary, by Gottfried Mierau 35/04
Chief rabbi supports Palestinians' plea to stay in Denmark 35/12
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03
Refugees flee eastern German city after protection promises prove hollow 36/03
German Protestants warn against hostility toward foreigners 36/04
Fate of Palestinian refugees in Denmark remains uncertain 37/04
Lutheran agency aids refugee orphans from South Africa 37/08
Irian Jaya refugees call for spiritual aid 37/08
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11
Philippines Lutherans aid Mount Pinatubo refugees, by Gerrit ten Velde 37/12
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04
Migration is major world issue, LWF director says 38/07

RELIEF AID

Bangladesh: Keeping people alive is only the first step, by Ulla Nedergaard 21/13
UPDATE: Christians help victims of Mount Fugen volcano, Japan 22/02
UPDATE: Italian Protestants launch appeal for Bangladesh cyclone victims 23/02
Ethiopian church agency keeps relief trucks moving 23/08
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
Hong Kong Christians help Chinese flood victims 26/13
Chile's Lutherans aid flood victims 27/06
LWF suspends relief work in most of Liberia 29/05
Grim images of war slowly give way to hope in Liberia, by William Bole 29/06
UPDATE: Japan Lutheran relief group holds national study conference 30/02
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
LWF joins relief operations in Bangladesh floods 31/03
LWF aids flood victims in India 31/04
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
LWF relief to Sudan tops 43,000 tons 31/11
Swedish church agencies pledge increased aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea 34/04
Critical food shortages hit southern Ethiopia 34/04
Aid agencies charged with condoning use of famine as weapon in Ethiopia 34/05
Relief delay hits Bangladesh flood victims 34/07

LWF appeals for food aid to Croatia 35/03
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03
UPDATE: Pope calls for more Western help to poor countries 37/02
LWF food aid arrives in Croatia 37/03
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
Philippines Lutherans aid Mount Pinatubo refugees, by Gerrit ten Velde 37/12
Philippines Lutherans appeal for aid to flood victims 37/13
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04
Croatian soldiers freed after appeal to LWF 38/05
German churches give more tax money as development aid 38/11
US Lutheran agency teams up for food production project in Mali 38/13

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
Albanians will turn to Christianity, government minister says 30/08
Eastern Germans debate religion in schools, by William E. Downey 30/15
UPDATE: Kenyan president opened All-Africa Religious Liberty Congress 31/02
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09

SECTS
UPDATE: 40 members file suit against Unification Church in Japan 21/02
UPDATE: Proliferation of "pseudo-Christian" sects reported in Bulgaria 30/02

SEOC (Sudan Emergency Operations Consortium)
LWF relief to Sudan tops 43,000 tons 31/11
Agencies in "race against time" to move relief supplies into Sudan 38/04

SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Methodist clergy warned about seduction risks in church care 21/08
Lutheran magazine looks at clergy sexual abuse 21/09
UPDATE: US Catholic diocese implements new policy on sexual misconduct 26/02
US churches try to document, combat sexual harassment 33/05
US Lutheran study on human sexuality out soon 38/14

STATUS CONFESSIONIS
LWF may lift suspension of southern African white churches, Staalsett reports 21/04
COUNCIL REPORT: LWF lifts suspension of white churches in southern Africa 23/06

SUICIDE
Finnish church should work more to prevent suicides, studies say 22/16

UN (United Nations)
UPDATE: Namibia hosts UNESCO seminar on future of Africa's press 21/02
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
El Salvador group issues threats against UN mission 25/16
UPDATE: International Labor Office to focus on church-trade union links 27/02
LWF suspends relief work in most of Liberia 29/05
Protestant church opposes Japanese troops as UN peacemakers 30/15
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
LWF urges UN to send peace-keeping mission to Yugoslavia 35/03
LWF calls on Yugoslav presidents to support UN peace-keeping role 37/03
UPDATE: WCC-UNESCO seminar on religion's role in dismantling apartheid 38/02
Lutheran churches urged to make priority of environment, development 38/03
Salvadoran National Guard abducts pastor 38/11

UNEMPLOYMENT
Jobless "scandal" has to concern Christians, eastern German commission says 21/15

UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees)
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05

LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
A stove saves trees in Malawi, by Carl F. Nielsen 35/16
In Nepal, LWF starts aid to refugees from Bhutan 36/03
Lutheran agency aids refugee orphans from South Africa 37/08

VELKD (United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany)
The Lutheran confession and its doctrinal condemnations, by Harding Meyer 30/13
German Lutheran bishop condemns abortion 35/06
Lack of funds limits mission in eastern Germany 35/07
The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany 35/08
German Lutherans put off communion with Mennonites 35/09
Attitudes to Mary in Protestant churches, by Gisela von Heusinger 36/08
Mecklenburg church defeats plan to rejoin VELKD 37/13

WACC (World Association for Christian Communication)
UPDATE: WACC to hold Africa regional assembly and workshop in Windhoek 23/02
African communicators called to be peace makers, by G.B.K. Owusu 24/04
Portuguese-, Spanish-speaking Africans form communication network 30/11
UPDATE: Rwandan woman elected president of WACC Africa region 35/02

WAR
Yugoslav bishop condemns escalation of ethnic violence 22/03
Slovenian church urges LWF backing for independence 22/03
Refugees from Liberia are fleeing back home 22/05
LWF appeals for halt to violence in Yugoslavia 23/07
Ethiopian church agency keeps relief trucks moving 23/08
LWF to look at 'just war' concept, by Carolyn Lewis 24/04
Churches called to bigger role in resolving conflicts 24/05
UPDATE: Red Cross says 20 million died in 105 wars since 1945 25/02
Liberian bishops avoid church split, by Sonia Groenewold 25/04
Bishop disappointed by US role in Liberian civil war, by Gustav Spohn 25/05
Churches called to action as 20 million face starvation 25/06
LWF appeals for overland food supplies in southern Sudan 25/06
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks, by Roger R. Kahle 25/07
National sovereignty used as screen for human rights abuse, LWF report says 25/08
LWF states support for churches in "tragic" Yugoslavia 27/04
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Japan's Christians take up cause of wartime prostitutes 28/05
LWF suspends relief work in most of Liberia 29/05
Grim images of war slowly give way to hope in Liberia, by William Bole 29/06
LWF sends aid to Ethiopian, Somali refugees 30/05
Some Liberian relief operations resume after border clashes 31/10
Somali faction asks churches to mediate conflict 31/11
LWF relief to Sudan tops 43,000 tons 31/11
SPLA hit by mystery of 'abandoned' children 31/12
Coup attempt shakes Sudan insurgency movement 31/13
Religious activists campaign to end US aid to El Salvador, by William Bole 31/16
LWF World Service will open office in Eritrea 34/03
Aid agencies charged with condoning use of famine as weapon in Ethiopia 34/05
Eritrea: Asmara is alive again, by Yacob Tesfai 34/06
LWF appeals for food aid to Croatia 35/03
LWF urges UN to send peace-keeping mission to Yugoslavia 35/03
Croatian refugees seek relief in Hungary, by Gottfried Mierau 35/04
Japan should apologize to Dutch war victims, church council urges 35/14
UPDATE: US reservist sentenced for Gulf war conscientious objection 37/02
LWF food aid arrives in Croatia 37/03
LWF calls on Yugoslav presidents to support UN peace-keeping role 37/03
Yugoslav war touches churches, by Edgar R. Trexler 37/09
Liberian rebel forces evacuate hundreds from border areas 37/11

WARC (World Alliance of Reformed Churches)
UPDATE: WARC European committee met in England 24/02
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03

WCC (World Council of Churches)
UPDATE: WCC published 'Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement' 21/02
First WCC delegation to visit South Africa in 30 years 22/14
Yugoslav church leaders supported in call for peace talks 23/08
UPDATE: WCC has newsletter for African women theologians 25/02
Ecumenical team reports human rights abuses in Armenia 25/08
WCC executive committee meets for first time since Assembly 26/13
WCC plans structural changes to stave off financial crisis 26/13
UPDATE: WCC published account of Namibian repatriation of exiles 27/02
Failure of coup shows democracy now rooted in Soviet people, LWF states 27/03
LWF joins church bodies in sorrow at Yugoslav violence 28/03
Church bodies commend South African peace accord 29/03
UPDATE: Official report of WCC seventh assembly published 30/02
UPDATE: WCC urges Baltics to play positive role in healing old wounds 30/02
UPDATE: WCC urges return to power in Haiti of deposed president 31/02
Closer LWF-WCC links may lead to shared functions 31/03
World Council of Churches leader visits South Africa 32/16
UPDATE: Ecumenical food aid to Albania via WCC 33/02
UPDATE: Biography of human rights activist available from WCC 34/02
World Council of Churches signals gains in apartheid struggle,
by Hennie Serfontein 34/08
LWF general secretary calls for stronger ecumenical links in Europe 34/09
UPDATE: WCC expresses "profound dismay" at East Timor massacre 36/02
UPDATE: WCC-UNESCO seminar on religion's role in dismantling apartheid 38/02
Namibian Council of Churches' role to change 38/08
Difficult times ahead for Orthodox church in Albania 38/09
Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order in 1993 38/16

WOMEN
UPDATE: Group of Anglican bishops dismayed by women's ordination 21/02
US reformed synod affirms move toward female ordination 21/12
Reformed Church in America takes steps to boost role of women 21/13
Christian women call for conference on world economic justice 22/15
Queen appoints woman as royal chaplain in Scotland, by Rennie McOwan 22/15
UPDATE: Book on 'Women and Disability' co-financed by LWF 24/02
UPDATE: WCC has newsletter for African women theologians 25/02
US Presbyterians prioritize funds to projects that "empower women",
by Pamela Schaeffer 25/13
UPDATE: LWF women's desk publishes latest issue of 'Women' 27/02
UPDATE: Uganda's Catholic bishops urge end to dowry system 28/02
Lutheran women theologians affirm experiential theology,
by Gisela von Heusinger 28/07
Women and mission: A strained relationship? 28/08
Women in Africa: The struggle for literacy, by Carl F. Nielsen 28/09
Uganda: Community development among the women of Karamoja,
by Christian Roslev Sørensen 28/10
Indian Lutheran churches ordain first women pastors, by David Lin 30/05
India's churches open printing plant, women's center 30/06
Lutheran professor blames dismissal on women clergy dispute,
by Willmar Thorkelson 32/07
US Lutheran women focus on environmental concerns 32/08
US campaign to highlight women and children in poverty 32/09

Opponents of women pastors in Denmark renew lobbying campaign 32/10
Central European women meet in Austria 33/12
More US Orthodox suspend ecumenical council activities 34/11
Danish ordinand refuses to shake hands with woman pastor 36/11
Ordination does not mean success for Asian women, by Lui Wa-Ling 36/13
Cameroon church opens center for women 37/15

WORSHIP
New liturgy book for Lutherans in Brazil, by Eugene L. Brand 26/14

YOUTH
15 Transvaal detainees released, but magistrate issues threat 21/08
27,000 teenage Lutherans meet in Dallas 21/11
UPDATE: LWF Youth Letter on youth participation in church structures 23/02
Faith and fun mix at major US Lutheran youth gathering 23/14
UPDATE: Brazil to host Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students 24/02
Lutheran churches called to counter maltreatment of children 24/09
UPDATE: Timothy Seitz elected president of ELCA youth organization 25/02
UPDATE: ELCA held multicultural youth event in Texas 25/02
Screening process blamed for problems of refugee children 26/11
Former Vietnam refugee to aid children in Hong Kong detention centers 26/12
Study shows West Bank children becoming more malnourished 30/03
SPLA hit by mystery of 'abandoned' children 31/12
LIRS sends interviewers to help screen refugee children 32/04
Churches can help prevent crisis facing East European children, aid director says 32/05
US campaign to highlight women and children in poverty 32/09
UPDATE: Lutheran Children and Family Service places foster children 36/02
UPDATE: Church of England discusses need to evangelize children 38/02

YMCA & YWCA (Young Men's Christian Association & Young Women's Christian Association)
UPDATE: Brazil to host Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students 24/02
UPDATE: YMCA Peace Day has theme "I am a stranger ... Are you there?" 27/02
UPDATE: Workshop report on refugees available from World YMCA 29/02

AUTHORS

ANDERSON, Donald
Toward unity: A review of Anglican-Lutheran relations 35/13

BAGLO, Ferdy
Canada's Lutherans adopt communion of all baptized 25/10

BALMER, Randall
COMMENT: Are denominations irrelevant? - An American perspective 23/14
COMMENT: Building a church on marketing surveys 24/14
Immigrant church lost in suburban flight 38/15

BENN, Alvin
Lively music could attract blacks, Lutherans told 24/12

BOLE, William
Court martial set for US marine who opposed Gulf war 25/11
Grim images of war slowly give way to hope in Liberia 29/06
In Liberia, church and state have always mixed 30/12
Religious activists campaign to end US aid to El Salvador 31/16
Anti-hunger lobby says many in US need food aid 32/08

BRAKEMEIER, Gottfried
500 years colonization of the American continent: Viewed from a church of immigrants 29/14
Christmas greetings from the president of the Lutheran World Federation 37/16

BRAND, Eugene L.
New liturgy book for Lutherans in Brazil 26/14
An ecumenical gift in communion 31/07

BRETZ, Laurie
Latin American churches gear up to fight AIDS epidemic 22/06

CARLEY, Austin
Jesus' advice is irrelevant for church funds, UK lawyer argues 32/14

DOROW, Shirley
Koreans ask: "Martin who?" 36/07

DOWNEY, William E.
Eastern Germans debate religion in schools 30/15

EARLY, Tracy
US cardinal ordains ex-Lutheran scholar as Catholic priest 30/08

EMLING, Shelley
Native Americans to counter Columbus festivities 33/15

GROENEWOLD, Sonia
Liberian bishops avoid church split 25/04

GRUBER, Ruth E.
Survey says Italians don't practice Catholic beliefs 36/12
Orthodox complaints dominate European Catholic synod 38/12

HAAS, Jean-Paul
What chance for the religions of Cameroon? 27/10

von HEUSINGER, Gisela
Lutheran women theologians affirm experiential theology 28/07
Attitudes to Mary in the Protestant churches 36/08

JEFFREY, Paul
Bishop credits Salvadoran people for peace talks 33/09

KAHLE, Roger R.
Haiti's president assures Protestants of fairer treatment 23/09
LWF Council gives further support to ecumenical news service 24/10
Lutherans represented in Ethiopian democracy talks 25/07
Priest and president: Fresh winds blow across Haiti 26/15

LEWIS, Carolyn
Church can provide hope, LWF president says 21/03
LWF to look at 'just war' concept 24/04

LIN, David
Indian Lutheran churches ordain first women pastors 30/05
Pastoral visit hopes for reconciliation in Papua New Guinea church 37/07

LORENZ, Hartmut
"NATO agent" pastor rehabilitated in eastern Germany 26/07

McOWAN, Rennie
Queen appoints woman as royal chaplain in Scotland 22/15

MEYER, Harding
The Lutheran confession and its doctrinal condemnations 30/13

MIERAU; Gottfried
Croatian refugees seek relief in Hungary 35/04

MILLER, David L.
The Baltic churches: Life after Lenin 34/14

MORTON, Tom
Release African theology from Western 'pie in the sky' approach, scholar says 37/05

MÜLLER, F. Andreas
Attacks on foreigners raise fears of racism in Germany 33/07
Deposed president asks churches to assist peaceful return to democracy in Haiti 34/12

NEDERGAARD, Ulla
Bangladesh: Keeping people alive is only the first step 21/13

NIELSEN, Carl F.
Women in Africa: The struggle for literacy 28/09
A stove saves trees in Malawi 35/16

OWUSU, G.B.K.
African communicators called to be peace makers 24/04

PATTERSON, Dolly
Management consultant urges US churches to narrow priorities 27/07

PAUL, Toomas
Estonia: Church and people face a new beginning 32/11

RÖDER, Hans-Jürgen
COMMENT: The end of the eastern German church federation 22/13

SCHAEFFER, Pamela
US Presbyterians prioritize funds to projects that "empower women" 25/13

SERFONTEIN, Hennie
World Council of Churches signals gains in apartheid struggle 34/08

SØRENSEN, Christian R.
Uganda: Community development among the women of Karamoja 28/10

SPOHN, Gustav
Bishop disappointed by US role in Liberian civil war 25/05

TESFAI, Yacob
Eritrea: Asmara is alive again 34/06

THORKELSON, Willmar
Petition rejects ELCA abortion statement 24/08
US Lutherans should adopt European episcopate, theologian advises 25/12
4,500 attend US Lutheran charismatic conference 25/13
Lutheran foundation gives medical support to missions 29/11
Three Christian scholars critique their traditions 31/14
Lutheran professor blames dismissal on women clergy dispute 32/07
Catholic theologian calls church-state separation an excuse for silence 35/12

TREXLER, Edgar R.
Yugoslav war touches churches 37/09

ten VELDE, Gerrit
Philippines Lutherans aid Mount Pinatubo refugees 37/12

VOEGELE, Manfred
The churches in the Soviet Union after the attempted coup 36/15

WA-LING, Lui
Ordination does not mean success for Asian women 36/13